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"Economic Cleansing" in Haledon

MAYOR & OFFICIALS TRY TO KICK POOR OUT

By Mathias Degan

At a City Council meeting called specifically to address community residents concerns over an influx of poor people due to the federal governments Section 8 Housing Assistance program, Haledon mayor James Van Sickle, the City Council, and some Haledon residents launched an attack on poor people using racist code words (i.e. quality of life) and outright blatant anti-poor remarks. Section 8 residents who attended the meeting were left to feel unwelcomed and less than human as the majority of people who attended the meeting shouted at them saying "garbage", "Go some place else" etc.. Some of the statements that appeared in the local pro-government newspapers were "It's bringing in drugs, it's brining in prostitution." One resident said it brought in "a different type of person." Van Sickle said "It's unreasonable for us to bear this burden."

After hearing of this meeting, members of the Paterson Anarchist Collective decided to organize to defend the rights of Section 8 families living in Haledon. P.A.C. announced a demonstration/speak out via posters and handout leaflets that were distributed en mass throughout the town. (one of the anarchists was arrested while posting the announcement to telephone poles; he was later fined $65 in for his *crime.*

After seeing the fliers, Section 8 residents felt empowered and began to organize themselves to attend the demo, including the notification of all local media. A local news station did a 10 minute piece on the speak-out and the plight of the Section 8 residents. Although it did come out in full support of the Section 8 families, it left out all of the revolutionary class struggle politics that was behind it.

Members of P.A.C. along with supporters of Lower East Side Class War Organizer (NYC) and North Jersey Anarchist Youth Federation merged at the police station/city hall with Section 8 families, and residents outraged at the statements made at the previous meeting. The 2 hour demo. turned into a 'civil war' when reactionary residents began to arrive before the 8 o'clock meeting. The reactionary resi-

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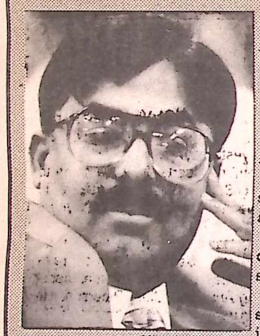
VanSickle & 'Boss Hog' face Sect. 8 family

Slumlord makes special court appearance

City's top property owner up on over 50 charges



Victor Camilo

Victor Camilo, one of Passaic's top property owners is being charge with over 50 different violations stemming from all of his apartments in the city.

The slumlord has ignored all notices and has shown no effort to fix his apartments into inhabitable places for his tenants.

Municipal Judge Wolf Samay called a special court date, Tuesday, Jan. 25, that will be held specifically for Camilo.

"We normally don't have court on Tuesday," he said, "But there are so many violations that we just couldn't accommodate them at another time."

If convicted, Camilo faces up to 25 years in prison, as well as more than $50,000 in fines.

His attorney, Walter Tencza says Victor plans to plead innocent on all counts, but did not go into his defense strategy.

Housing Prosecutor Theodore Kyles said he will not accept any last-minute plea bargains, and is ready to prosecute him on all counts- ranging from substandard recycling to leaving his properties uninhabitable. He continued to say that Judge Samay has taken a hard line on slumlords, and it's "conceivable for the judge to throw the book at him."

Slumlord Camilo has already paid thousands in fines, and Kyles is planning to ask the judge for the maximum sentence.

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Paterson wants your guns

By Neil DiGiovanni

As of Thursday, Jan. 6, the city of Paterson began to collect guns with "*no questions asked*", in exchange for vouchers that can be used for food, clothing, and household items.

Mayor William Pascrell said he was impressed with similar programs that have been under way in other US cities, and went on to say "This administration and the community are committed to making it a success within the city of Paterson."

Regulations of the exchange require people should put the fire arms in a bag or box, and should not be carried on the person. This immediately prevents the best alternative. Instead of bringing your gun to the police and giving it up for food, people might bring their gun in and demand food!

The local pro-government media has come out in full support of the program and has printed many puff pieces on it telling of incidents where people came in before the starting date surrendering sawed off shot guns, and a woman who wanted to give up a gun for vouchers she wanted to give to a fire victim. They have gone so far as to print an article with the headline "H&N (Herald & News) backs Paterson gun fight", and donating $1,000 to the project.

Guns were responsible for half the '93 homicides in Paterson. And while this is definitely a big problem, disarming the masses is a bigger problem.

In the eyes Pascrell, his chief of police Richard Munsey and Passaic County Sheriff Edwin Engelhardt, this means an easier job for them in more ways than one.

For those of you who can remember back to the 60's and for those of us who have read it's history, we all can see a very militant and political conscienceness. The fighters then raised the struggle of oppressed people's to a new level. The Watt's rebellion and other sites of resistance that spread from coast to coast were massive cries for justice.

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PATERSON ANARCHIST COLLECTIVE & PLAIN WORDS

The Paterson Anarchist Collective

The Paterson Anarchist Collective (P.A.C.) is an autonomous branch of the North Jersey Anarchist Federation (N.J.A.F.). N.J.A.F. is an umbrella group for several anarchist groups in the North Jersey area. These groups are, The Anarchist League, Central Bergen Anarchist Coalition, Central Jersey Anarchists, Madison Anarchists, Newark Anarchist Group, North Jersey Anarchist Youth Federation, New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross, Paterson Anarchist Collective, and the Ringwood Anarchist Collective.

Many are misinformed of what anarchism (pronounced an-ar-kizm) is, this is expected. P.A.C. gives this basic format of what we believe:

- We believe that capitalism and governments are the root of all problems and must be overthrown

- We believe that housing is a undeniable human right and therefore believe in the total abolition of landlords and real estate

- We believe that we shall only achieve peaceful existence after the unification of all races and sexes. Only when all people, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or age, are seen as they are, equally, will the masses exist with minimum conflict.

- We believe in the replacement of the capitalist wage slave system with groups of workers, who collectively run, produce, and manage their workplaces.

- We believe in high organization of all people with out the use of authority. Only when the people organize themselves as equals, and together work toward their common goal, will we achieve the most humane and fair conditions in a free, cooperative, and ungoverned society.

The Paterson Anarchist Collective is dedicated to serving its area to the best of its ability. We hope to fill the void left in our environment that is left by our oppressive government. Together with the citizens of this city, we hope to see to the needs that the state neglects to observe.

The needs of housing, food, clothing, etc..., all of which many people have great difficulty acquiring adequate supplies of can be made readily available without any state aid.

We do not claim to be able to do this alone, we can not. With the help of the people, other groups and organizations, who work with out government aid or assistance, together, we can accomplish much! We need help, as so many people do. It is within our reach to create an environment in which we may all prosper.

The most astonishing aspect of all of this is that it may all be obtained without the government. Together, we can build what we need, people doing for people. Do not wish for your government to get better, for it to help you in the ways you need to be helped or to give you a break.

With the cooperation and help of your friends and neighbors, you can make it better, you can help yourself and others in the necessary ways, you can give yourself and others a break, you and I can do this ourselves, with out the state.

***That* is anarchy**

75 Years Later, Plain Words Still Calls For Resistance!

In 1919, radical anarchists all over the country staged a nation wide protest that was to show the authorities of the time that the people were fed up with their tactics, their procedures, justice, and basically, their existence.

These anarchists planned to plant bombs at the homes and offices of leading political officials and industrial bosses. The bombs were hand delivered by the anarchists on June 2, 1919 and all exploded within an hour of each other (12 midnight) in a massive demand for justice.

At each site that a bomb was placed, numerous copies of a pamphlet entitled "Plain Words" also appeared.

Paterson, which has a truly inspiring and thick anarchist history, was one of the many cities in which a bomb exploded on that night of the peoples justice.

The pamphlet plainly stated that the conditions in which we were forced to live, under the fist of government were intolerable. It went on to say "you jailed us, you clubbed us, you deported us, you murdered us whenever you could." and now "The powers that be... will have to accept the fight they have provoked"

In this same spirit of revolution, we bring Plain Words back to the people of Paterson.

We can not agree more with our brothers and sisters of the past who called out for freedom in a environment of oppression. We too print this paper as a calling to all people to take action and fight back against the unjust beast called government.

We don't call for bombings and destruction as the original Plain Words did for several reasons. (One of them being that such a call would end in arrests and imprisonment.)

However this publication pleads with all of its readers to get involved in whatever way they can. We plead with ***all people*** to work together and to cooperate with each other in order to build a free society of all nationalities.

Plain Words hopes to be the revolutionary voice of a people who are yearning to smash the chains of capitalism, and wake to a new dawn of true freedom.

"Do not expect us to sit down and pray and cry. We accept your challenge and mean to stick to our... duties"

"We are not many; perhaps more than you dream of, but all are determined to fight to the last... we will never rest."

"You will never get all of us"

Contact the Paterson Anarchist Collective to get with the Plain Words newspaper project or P.A.C. activities.

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Dear Sir:

A publication titled Plain Words, Issue #2, Aug./Sept., 1993, addressed to the above named individual, an inmate confined at this institution, is being rejected for the reasons outlined in the attached memorandum addressed to the inmate.

You may obtain an independent review of the rejection by writing to the Regional Director, Bureau of Prisons, U. S. Customs House, Second and Chestnut Streets, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106, within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

The publication will be maintained for 15 days, after which time, unless an appeal is noted, the publication will be returned to you.

Sincerely,

E. J. BRENNAN
Warden

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Enclosure

cc: Giddings, Larry
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PW banned in PA

By Mathias Degan and Neil DiGiovanni

The fascist draconian warders at Lewisburgh Federal Penitentiary in Pennsylvania has not allowed comrade Larry Giddings access to this publication, citing that the publication will "lead to the use of *physical violence or group disruption" as the reason.*

Above is the official U.S. Government memorandum sent to the Paterson Anarchist Collective.

See Letters and Editorials to see the letter the warden wrote to comrade Giddings.

After this first attempted contact with Larry, he attempted to reach us three times. We at P.A.C. / Plain Words did not receive any of these letters.

Only when one of us wrote him a third time, explained that we had not yet heard from him, and threatened prison censors to take action if we did not receive an answer did we receive our first correspondence from him.

Giddings explains that he is new in that prison, having just been transferred from Leavenworth, and officials there are watching him closely. He is highly political Prisoner of War.

See Plain Words #2 about a story where several radical publications were barred from Trenton State.

(See Larry in a group photo pg. 14)

Gun Sham

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In the 90's we have seen similar uprisings. Los Angeles, CA of course, but also Washington Heights, NY, the Lower East Side, NY, and many others. The major difference in these strikes back at the power structure is the masses were heavily armed.

The people today are without a doubt better armed than almost any local police agency. This is what Pascrell, Munsey, and Engelhardt, as well as all other city, state and national officials are worried about more than anything else.

Pascrell's recent visit to a shooting victim in the hospital is laughable. Would he visit a shooting victim if it was a police bullet in his back?

The underlaying element to all of these fights on guns is simply to protect the establishment. Officials have proven again and again that they really don't care for the masses of people. And do not be fooled for a minute, if there was any kind of official, from local to the highest office, who was on the side of oppressed people around the world, they would surely be eliminated in one way or the other, even with the support of the people. The biggest reason not to put our faith in elected officials, or elections!

With all of the government injustice and terror occurring, we need to keep the masses armed for self defence, and educate ourselves not to use them on one another.

DHORUBA BIN WAHAD

By Mathias Degan

January 28, 1994, Dhoruba Bin Wahad spoke to a crowd at Cleveland Elementary School in Newark, NJ.

He gave his analysis on the rise of fascism in the inner cities. Citing examples such as the recent victory of Rudolph Giulianni in NY, and food for gun programs, designed to disarm the potential revolutionary communities, (see Paterson wants your guns article on pg. 1).

He also reported he will be attending a United Nations meeting to address the fact of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the United States.

We urge people to check out *"Still Black, Still Strong"*, a book in which he, along with Mumia Abu-Jamal, and Assata Shakur authored.

Killing welfare or killing kids?

By Wendy

Tanya and James (not their real names), their two year old and their newborn baby live in a tiny basement apartment in Paterson. They heat their apartment with space heaters and cook on a hot plate. Life is harder now due to a new welfare program.

New Jersey has become the first state in the country to adopt this "welfare reform" program which denies additional money each month to women who give birth while collecting public assistance. This program which many are calling unconstitutional, has denied aid to 470 babies which have been born in the first two months since the program has been initiated. These babies will surely suffer as well as the families which struggle to stretch a little money a lot further. There are many mothers who are suing the Human Services of N.J. in behalf of their newborn babies and for discrimination and intrusion into their lives. Two of the mothers are from Passaic and are on the verge of homelessness.

The program is based on racist right-wing notions about public assistance recipients. The concept that women decide to have children based on receiving and extra 64 dollars a month is absurd. The average single mother with one child receives about $322 per month; this amount is supposed to cover rent, electric, heat, hot water, clothing, diapers, medication not covered by Medicaid, car-fare etc.-it just doesn't add up. Speaking from experience, it's next to impossible. Now imagine trying to raise two children on $322 a month. These kids deserve better!

Patti, (not her real name), has a newborn baby, she has to work at a part-time job at night in order to afford diapers and other necessities. She faces conviction of welfare fraud if the authorities find out about her job. The state instills hatred of welfare recipients with myths of massive fraud, these myths are used to disguise the true figures about how many millions of people have fallen into the abyss of poverty despite their efforts to work.

I guess the state believes that by keeping people in a state of constant near starvation, they can prevent blacks and other people of color from having children. Let's stand up against this systematic racist attack.

The state of NJ is denying adequate housing to poor people to begin with, this new program makes housing an even bigger problem. A decent apartment should be guaranteed to every family which is eligible for these benefits without having to wait for years.

We can draw the conclusion that the only way we are going to have decent housing, put an end to hunger and create a fair and equitable society is to set up our own survival programs such as day-care centers, reclaim abandoned houses, pest-control services, block patrols, worker-operated shops, etc. The more power we put in the hands of the people the sooner our needs will be met and the social revolution will occur.

As we work towards these goals, we need to hold our heads high and refute the lies. These lies say we don't take responsibility for our children, that we are lazy, that we are responsible for the national debt etc. The real problem lies with wasteful loop-holes and dirty deals between government and multi-national mega corporations. The reason there are so many hard-working poor people is directly tied to the existence of an elite ruling class. The gap between the rich and poor is getting bigger and middle-class people are duped into believing that the poor are the cause of all social problems and crime. If we can be divided we will divert our focus away from the real enemy.

Every child that comes into this world deserves love and a safe place to live. The child should not be punished because the mother forgot to take her birth control bill. What if that mother didn't forget? Maybe she wanted another child even though she couldn't afford it and many sacrifices would be necessary. She has the right to the joy another child would bring her family. That courageous woman should be an inspiration to all; she truly understands "family values."

Poverty is violence

Local News

NJ prisoners make more money than most Passaic County residents

By Neil DiGiovanni

New Jersey has a prison population of 20,000 to 25,000 people according to one of the largest surveys of state prisoners ever done. However, what surprised those who took the survey was that New Jersey's prisoners were largely motivated to commit crimes for economic reasons.

"What we were struck by is they seem more economically motivated than other studies." said Anne Morrison Piehl. For example, a NJ prisoner was more likely to sell a stolen car for needed money than a prisoner of another state. Piehl is an assistant professor of Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. While this may surprise her and her colleges, we should not be.

About 50% of the prisoners surveyed had jobs earning a mere $6 per hour in the months before their incarceration. This 50% with jobs, earned 25% of their menial income from crime. Meaning the remaining 50%, who were unable to obtain regular work were in an even more desperate situation earning nearly 100% of their income off of crime.

When people need to resort to crime in order to survive, its about time we start looking at that reality rather than the crimes they may have committed. Using the rebellion in L.A. as an example, many people were more enraged at the rebellion, as opposed to the reasons they occurred. On a much larger scale, we need to be looking at why people are committing crimes and address these issues instead of locking them up and warehousing them in prisons. Eliminating these problems will do more to eliminate crime than imprisonment could ever hope to.

Prisons all over NJ as well as the United state are simply warehouses for the poor and minorities. More and more people are beginning to come to this realization. Douglas Eakeley, chairman of the state Sentencing Policy Study Commission explains, "we need to be doing more than just warehousing people if we want to increase the likelihood they (prisoners) will go straight." He continues by adding, "they're not likely to come out better adjusted to society unless we try to address some of their problems."

To back up claims of warehousing people, there is the reality of a majority of prisoners looking for some sort of rehabilitation, whether it be educational or drug help, and not being able to receive it.

33% of the prisoners surveyed sought drug help and were denied. 25% of those were refused enrollment because there were no slots available. 15% of the prisoners surveyed who were not enrolled in educational classes stated that they would like to attend classes but again, there were no openings available. 33% of the surveys participants were interested in vocational training.

Not only are the drug and alcohol treatment programs filled, but existing programs are being eliminated. Two highly successful drug and alcohol pilot programs have recently been either cut back or cut off due to budget concerns.

It costs the state about $30,000 per year to keep a single person in prison. Much more often than not, you'll find that $30,000 is more money than the person made a year if he/she even had a job.

Presently, the motivation for people to get a job is to receive some sort of money, simply because we all need money to survive. However there is an incredible shortage of jobs and money, so people are taking money or something of that equivalent for survival.

When we think about it, the state is literally taking the person out of their environment, putting them behind bars, and giving them $30,000 per year to live. So logically speaking, the state would rather enslave someone and give them a salary of $30,000 instead creating conditions where people could be free and earn, in many cases, even less than that.

It sounds backward, but from standing on the bare and naked truth, it is reality.

The state has $30,000 a year to lock someone up, but not to keep some one free. We as a people who love freedom need to take a good hard look at what's going on and what we need to do about it. Once we come to our conclusions, we need not be frightened of the incredible task ahead of us. Dare to struggle, dare to win. Dare to be free!

"What we were struck by is they (prisoners) seem more economically motivated than other studies."
-Anne Morrison Piehl
an assistant professor of Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Fascism on rise in NJ, Italy, everywhere

Fascist pig Alessandra Moussolini

By Neil DiGiovanni

Adolph Hitler's Italian henchman, Benito Mussolini's grand daughter, Alessandra Mussolini was on an Amerikkkan tour earlier this year to promote a new Italian Fascism. The 29 year old fascist already sits on the Italian Parliament as a member of the National Right Party, a neo-fascist group that promises to "rebuild Italy."

It appears that most of her discussion was spent trying to legitimize her grandfathers crimes. "He built the people, he built their dignity." Could she be referring to the same people who later, in a most righteous act, killed and desecrated his body in the streets of Italy?!

"In America, you have a point of view of accusing my grandfather of being like Hitler" she said. "Hitler was a tyrant. My grandfather was a dictator. There's a big difference." Even in our twisted US dictionary a dictator is one with "absolute authority" over an enslaved people.

Further trying to water down these *atrocities she said "Look, America dropped* the bomb on Japan."

Using one crime to justify another is a crime in and of itself.

While many may not see the connection or significance of the rising fascism in Italy, we all should take note of the unnamed Italian-Amerikkkan community group who hosted the Saddle Brook event and welcomed Alessandra Mussolini and her fascist companion Enzo Trantino (also a member of Parliament) with opened fascist arms.

With groups such as these openly displaying their fascistic tendencies and affiliations, we all need to take guard. Groups like these only remain in an ideological state for short times.

All the liberals in the world can cry 'freedom of speech' till their heads turn blue, but while their getting their point across, they're denying others their right to existence, their right to be free, and to self determination. Theres no freedom of speech or opinion for those whose opinions and actions deny another that same right.

"Fascism is not to be debated, it is to be smashed"
-Buenaventura Durruti

A beautiful mural entitled "Find Culture", with portraits of Bob Marley, Pedro Campos, Black Panthers & Jesse Owens who refused to salute the US flag after winning a gold medal at the Olympics, instead giving the "All Power" raised fist.

NJ Senator Joseph Bubba & others are accused of sexism

By Wendy

Sen. Joseph L. Bubba and other Republican Senators in an "old boys network" have been accused of using "closed back room" politics to block the reappointment of Superior Court Judge Marianne Espinosa Murphy.

The accusation comes from Patricia Royer, a Clifton democrat. She compared Murphy to Anita Hill; like Hill, Murphy was judged by an all-male committee but unlike Hill (who got her sexual harassment allegations against Clarence Thomas investigated in hearings before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee), Murphy never got to make her case public.

Bubba and the other Senators apparently cut some deals with Bubba and came out backing Dorsey, R-Booton. Dorsey is a longtime Bubba ally. The only reason that has been given for not supporting Murphy has been that she is too "flippant" in court.

It just goes to show how a non-sexist society is never going to be achieved by the American electoral process, as this male-power elite structure is very entrenched and they make many decisions behind closed doors (or on the golf course) which the majority of people never hear about and never have any input. We live in a society where women, even those in high positions, can be punished for being too "uppity" or too outspoken. I hope that we can create a revolutionary movement dedicated to empowering women and confronting narrow patriarchal views of who we are.

Patriccia Royer
Calls Bubba's crew an "old boy's network"

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CLASS WAR IN HALEDON

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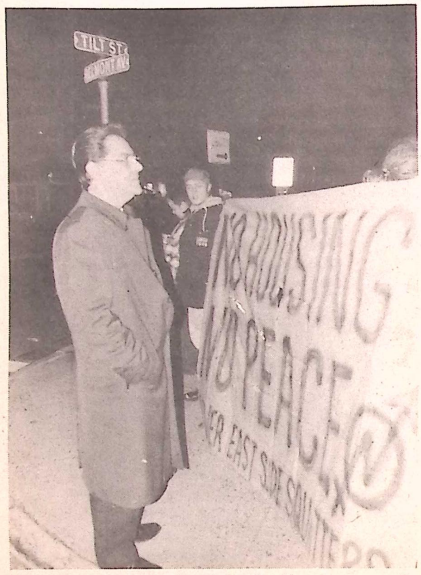
dents went so far as to print up leaflets that were made from and mocking P.A.C.'s original leaflets. The original leaflet which stated "Defend the rights of the 121 Section 8 families in Haledon" was changed to "Defend the rights of Haledon, no more Section 8." As reactionaries and revolutionaries faced off, the small Haledon police force which rarely deals with more than a traffic accident became nervous at the near riotous situation and called for back-up.



Mayor James Van (Von) Sickel looks down his nose and over his pipe in disgust at the demand of Haledon residents; "No Housing, No Peace!"

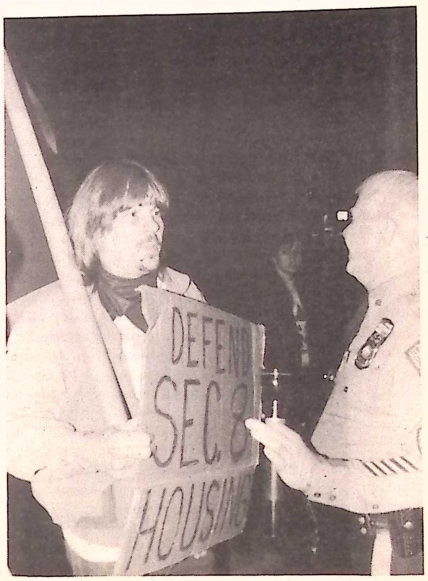
When the mayor showed up, he took a short notice of the demonstration and left, only to return with the Amerikkkan flag (symbol Indian genocide, and oppression of poor and third world people's world wide) At this derisive act, P.A.C. members blasted the mayor, Section 8 residents screamed at him. The mayor retreated and the protest ended as the city council meeting was about to begin.

Police and protesters clashed again on the way into the meeting. The reactionary residents were enraged at the anarchists non-compliance with police officers demands.

The tone of the meeting was set when anarchists and communists refused to stand at the pledge of allegiance. Because of media attention as well as the large showing of support for Section 8 families, those who were opposed to Section 8 toned down their racist and classist views. Outside a resident who called P.A.C. "a bunch of nigger lovers," changed his attitude inside in front of T.V. cameras. He claimed he was offended at P.A.C.'s claims of racism, calling it a "Quality of Life" issue and an economic issue, not about race and class. His statement is a contradiction because quality of life and economics are all about race and class.

No new ground was covered at this meeting. Anti-Section 8 residents and the city council were placed on the defensive as the large number of supporters questioned the true opinions their opponents held. As stated, it was obvious all Section 8 rivals did not express their true feelings in front of cameras and reporters in this very publicized meeting. As opposed to the first meeting where their true racist/classist attitudes were shown.

This struggle is far from over as both sides are forming support groups. P.A.C. has placed themselves at the Section 8 residents disposal to aid them in forming a fight back oriented coalition.



Haledon cop tries to grab C.W.O. member

LIVING-HELL PRISON PROPOSED IN NJ

By Wendy

According to the NJ Senate Republican News, from Oct. 14, Senator Gerald Cardinale and Senator Louis Kosco have proposed building one of the harshest prisons in America for N.J.'s violent criminals. They said, "we want to build a place that is the worst place to be... a hell on earth for criminals." Calling the proposed prison, "The People's Prison", because it supposedly reflects the fear of the people towards violent criminals; the N.J. prison would serve as a model for other such prisons nationwide. The prisons of America are already terrible places unfit for human beings for example: Trenton State Prison has a long list of documented abuses against prisoners. The Maximum Control Unit (MCU), keeps prisoners locked down in solitary confinement 24 hours a day.

The National Committee for People's Prisons describes their plan as, "one maximum security installation in each state, to incarcerate violent and repeat offenders of violent crimes in a prison equivalent to Marine boot-camp: no furloughs, no gymnasium, no machine shop, no television, no college. Just a day filled with menial work and more menial work and staffed with the toughest personnel available.

Karen Spinner from the N.J. Association on Correction and other prisoner advocates have held a demonstration in Trenton to protest the denial of human-rights and the unconstitutionality of this proposed prison. Although the complete plans are still unknown, we will probably know more when the bill is introduced in the January session.

Just as many people are seeing that rehabilitative programs and criminals making reparations to their victims have had positive results and experts are saying that jail time is not the best way to curtail crime; it seems a new fascist element is ignoring the social problems that create a violent nature and is saying that these inhuman concentration camps will prevent future crime. There is a direct link between lack of rehabilitative programs and recidivism. Their plan is based on ridiculous logic; it will create a new kind of hardened criminal leaving jail without skills to find an honest job. Anarchists have always seen the prison system as a tool of oppression and would like to see prisons razed to the ground.

We must defeat this bill before it gets off the ground! Call the National Committee for People's Prisons and demand that prisoners be treated with human dignity! Call (201) 384-2121 or FAX (201) 387-8813.

APPEAL TO LOCAL REVOLUTIONARIES

The Paterson Anarchist Collective appeals to all other local revolutionary persons or organizations to contact us.

From the contents of this newspaper, it should be quite clear where we stand. If you or your group hold same or simmilar views, we need to build a working relation.

We don't ask you to join, but it is vital that all revolutionary, freedom loving people have solidarity, working either as part of the group or autonomously with one another.

Divided we are already defeated. United we are invincible!

Empty threats, or broken windows?

By Neil DiGiovanni

A window of the Right To Existence anarchist info. center was smashed on August 14 1993.

This was discovered when a P.A.C. member approached the shop to open on the afternoon of August 15. At this point, an affiliate, friend, and neighbor of Right To Existence came in and saw the window.

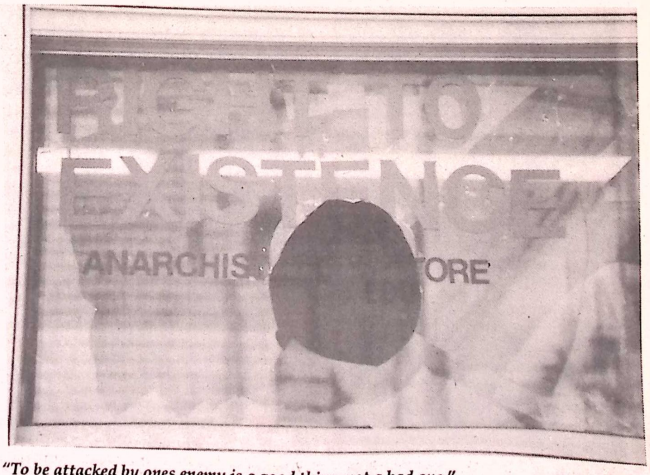
He proceeded to report how the police had been at his home the day before and recognized him as someone who frequents the "brain washing center" as the pigs described it. After identifying him they began to make threats to him and those who ran the store, their last words being "They won't last much longer!"

Later that night, someone came by the empty building, and broke the glass. Who did it?

This incident reminds us all of the October 1992 incident when about 15 Paterson police raided Right To Existence before it had even opened to the public. On this occasion, the pigs again made many terroristic threats including "I'll do everything I have to to make sure this place closes down!"

Two days later, nine shots were fired at the front door. The eight bullets that went through the thick wooden door didn't harm anyone, but again, who did it?

With the reputation of the Paterson Police Department, and the political line we have been pushing, combined with the confrontations prior to each of the episodes, we believe we know who did it, and accept it as a part of struggle.



"To be attacked by ones enemy is a good thing, not a bad one." -Mao Tsetung

INSIDE THE TERRORDOME

Corruption, Brutality, Racism Inside Trenton State Prison

Skinhead attacked; Ojore framed

House of Pain

By Hatari wa'Haki

We are all familiar with the current rise of white supremacist/skinhead organizations and activities out in the land, but it seems as though they are also growing and becoming more confident and bold within the prisons; even prisons such as Trenton State Prison, New Jersey, which is predominately people of color.

Just as prisons served as recruiting grounds for organizations such as the **Black Liberation Army** and other militant formations, they are also used as grounds of recruitment for white supremacist organizations like the aryan brotherhood and nazi skinheads. The only difference is that the motives of the various Black radical organizations are righteously fighting for liberation, and the white supremacist motives are geared towards race domination and carrying the same legacy of white supremacy that the country was founded on in the first place.

With the prison population becoming younger and younger each year, We are faced with a generation of highly impressionable youth of all nationalities, with a lot of time, but not much productivity to occupy their minds. Such a setting leaves them open to teachings of new ideas. Subsequently, they will adopt philosophical-*ideologies based upon whatever it is they* are being taught by their fellow-prisoners.

This is what We have here at Trenton with a rapidly growing skinhead trend. They have reached the point where they feel comfortable enough to adopt initiation rights directing all of their recruits to kill noted Black prisoners indiscriminately in order to receive tattoos of swastika symbols, and to be accepted within their ranks.

The question We are faced with is should We allow these racist groups to organize and recruit openly without challenge; should We allow them to spread their racist venom to the young White impressionables who might not otherwise be leaning in that direction? If white supremacists could organize freely in a prison that is 95% Black, then it aint no sense in calling ourselves men let alone politico, for if We don't pay now, We'll definitely pay later, after they've taken their racist agenda to the land and executed it against Our people as they've been doing.

On 5 November '93, at approximately 9:30 AM a reputed leader of the skinheads was ambushed and severely brutalized after being placed in the infamous **management control unit (MCU)** as a result of white supremacist activities in general population. After the Brothers was finished **working on him**, the skinhead was **scraped** off the ground unconscious with blood everywhere, placed on a stretcher, and rushed to the outside hospital where he remains today, a week later, reported in critical condition.

In response, the administration along with its fascistic internal affairs unit, locked up everybody who was in the yard, even though they are aware of the fact that only a few prisoners were actually involved. Amongst those that were locked up, found guilty, and sanctioned to punitive lock-up was P.O.W. Ojore Lutalo; though a guard tower pig who observed the incident knew full well he had absolutely nothing to do with this action, and played no part whatsoever.

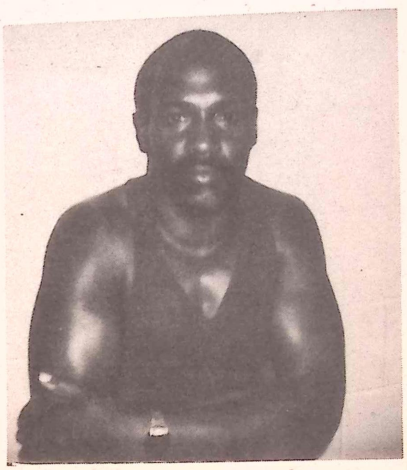
Realizing that these types of cowardly klan outfits would not be tolerated in Trenton State Prison, the officials here rounded up all of their known members, and promptly placed them in protective custody.

As to those who participated in this righteous act, they should be commended wholeheartedly by all concerned. These racist white supremacist organizations shouldn't be able to co-exist peacefully nowhere in the prison system; they shouldn't even be in protected custody. Everywhere they go they should feel the flames of the Black Dragon breathing down their neck, in what Malcolm described as **maximum retaliation.**

-Freedom or Death!!

By Ojore N. Lutalo

The following is an excerpt from a letter written to P.A.C./ NJ A.B.C. concerning time Ojore spent in lock up immediately after the incident reported by Hatari wa'Haki in the accompanying article.



I was serving 15 hungry days in the House of Pain on those trumped-up assault allegations that were lodged against me on Nov. 4th (Thursday) by this house slave (spelled negro) security guard named J.L. Williams the captain who responded to the code #33 (an emergency code that is sounded when there's a fight between prisoners or a security guard and prisoners) when that prisoner was assaulted. I suspect that they trumped a charge on me because I am 1 of the plaintiffs in 2 high-profile litigations against the "repressive" Department of Corrections (D.O.C.), and the pigs seized that opportunity to seek revenge which I consider fair when one is waging war against their oppressors as we are doing here within the confines of this concentration camp.

I used the term "House of Pain" when I stated above that I was serving those 15 hungry days on the trumped-up allegations; and I must explain to you why we refer to 1-Left Isolation (1-Left Isolation is the wing where prisoners serve the days that they receive for breaking the prison's ambiguous rules) as the House of Pain!: The conditions are draconian! We shower every 3 days over there. The cages are always dirty; and often smell of stale urine and shit that have the ever-omnipresent black little flying bugs landing on you and your food! They have antique French toilets that are often coated with shit! When they bring around the cleaning equipment, it is forced uncovered through the small slot in the cage door where our food is served; and when we shower we are secured in handcuffs with a leather belt around our waist and escorted to the shower by 2 pigs armed with night sticks that the racist guard call nigger beaters because they are black in color! The showers are cold and dirty; and often there's no hot water. There's more but it's too depressing to talk about!

Earth crisis, all of this suffering!

When I Get Out

When I get out the 1st thing I'm gonna do is get me a gun to protect me from the police Probably more than 1 gun because there's so many different kinds of police. Maybe a .460 Weatherby with a 12 power scope for kings, dictators, presidents and Popes A .357 magnum for law enforcement officials in general A nice 9mm Browning High Power for just plain folks like you. When I get out I want to kill me as many people as I can Before they get me. I'd like to get the Queen Mother and the Pope and the president if I have time. But for sure I'll come back and kill the warden. I'll probably kidnap him and chain him spread-eagled to an old fashioned pot-bellied stove. Before I light it, I will cut off his eyelids and make him watch a pornographic movie because he cant stand S-E-X. I'll give him a shot of extremely dangerous drugs so he won't suffer while I chop off his legs a piece at a time with my McCullough chain saw. It was you who cut off my eyelids by putting me in a sensory deprivation chamber in total darkness because I wanted to go to my mother's funeral. It was you who chained me to a bed in Springfield and beat my feet with wooden paddles until they turned to blood and swelled up like basketballs. When I get out, I'm going to spend all the hatred you've taught me by becoming a mass murderer, And all you judges, jurypersons, cops, jailers and executioners can't stop me Because it was you who killed Charles Brooke, and taught me that it's cool to kill. It was you who told me I live in a free country as you ground your heel into my humanity, and laughed at my pleas for dignity and spat on my manhood. It was you who charged me with shields and ax handles and beat me to the floor and drugged me with Pyroxylin because I couldn't stop calling my baby daughter's name when she left this world. So, in return for the lessons you have given me, I'm going to teach you 2 things: 1st that these sealed-tomb, tiger cage prisons belong to you Mr. & Mrs. America, and it is you who must accept responsibility for what you and your hirelings have done to me. The 2nd thing I'm gonna teach you is something you should already know, but don't act like you do, namely the Christians say "Do unto others, etc." the Buddhists say "What goes around comes around." In prison we simply say: "Payback is a motherfuckin' motherfucker, Motherfucker." It wont be much longer. I'm counting the days. So you better pray I don't find you, gentle reader, 'cause when I've paid my debt to society, society must pay its debt back to me; WHEN I GET OUT.....

A Glimpse into a Control Unit: Sci-Camp Hill - Pennsylvania

**Although this piece is on a control unit in PA, all info hold true for MCU, Trenton, NJ*

By: A. Mzilikazi Al Quadri

As the United States' ruling class attempts to find more ways of controlling the populace within its borders, a growing number of "operant conditioning" units, i.e. special management units (SMU) are being established in both state and federal prisons. These "control units" are designed to hold political and apolitical prisoners alike in conditions repressive to the point that they cannot be called punishment within constitutional guidelines.

The existing model here at the state correctional prison at Camp Hill has been assigned the mission of conditioning prisoners to do time in a so-called less disruptive manner. Maximum control of one's human expressions such as speech, physical activity, and environment eventually manifest itself in one's character. The prisoncrats manipulation of communication sources, e.g., telephone, mail, or visits, denies prisoners the potential to expand and be the social force they really are.

The planners of these conditioning units realize this; that is why so many constraints are imposed on the prisoners confined to these units. The effect this has on prisoners, whether political or otherwise, is manifested in their character(including the writer). If someone constantly equivocates in character, he could actually be experiencing a mild form of depression. Contradictory behavior almost always is an indicator of a particular depression.

When prisoners think they are taking a strong stance through alienating themselves from associating with other prisoners- the SMU experiment has worked, because this is precisely what is desired and what prisoncrats seek to accomplish- "An isolated individual who is easier to control."

Aggressions are often triggered in apolitical prisoners who, experiencing for the first time the harsh and brutal reality of "repression" as part of prison life, find themselves unable to cope. These prisoners will often lash out in frustration at other prisoners due to their lack of understanding of the "methods of the system".

On the other hand, a politically conscious prisoner-understanding the effects of "Operant Conditioning" may try to aid other prisoners in understanding these effects. Often after years of extending himself, the politically conscious prisoner may/ will grow weary of being mentally or emotionally abused and /or rejected and subsequently withdraw into seclusion, via reading or writing.

The denial of meaningful social contact, which denigrates the subjects of these experimental programs is the end result of these "torture chambers".

One thing is for certain, the "repression" that is constantly being invoked inside Sci-Camp Hill's Control Units- cannot/will not be contained within these human torture chambers-It will eventually overflow into society at large, therefore the struggle which confronts us (prisoners) caged within these units ultimately confronts us all! The Struggle Will Continue!!!

National News

'Ona MOVE!

FROM RAMONA AFRICA, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE MOVE ORG.

ONA MOVE! As you know, we have ***nine*** sisters and brothers in prison serving 30-100 years sentences from the August 8, 1978 confrontation between MOVE and this system. All of their appeals are exhausted so the last legal procedure available to them is something called a post conviction petition (P.C.R.A.). This petition can get their convictions overturned or their sentences reduced. All nine of my brothers and sisters will be in court for these petitions on Feb. 17, 1994.

We have a sister (Consuewella) and a brother (Carlos) that have long been eligible for parole but they remain in prison because the PA parole board insisted that MOVE members completely disassociate ourself from our religion (the teaching of our Founder and Coordinator, JOHN AFRICA), and have absolutely ***no*** contact with any MOVE person. No committed MOVE member would ever accept such a traitorous stipulation so we have remained in prison. On October 20, 1993, our brother Carlos had a parole interview and our sister Consuewella was interviewed on November 9, 1993. They were each informed that this stipulation is now lifted and that they were being paroled once their home and job plan is approved by the state parole board. ***LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA***!!!

Our brother Chuck was temporarily transferred from the state prison in Pittsburgh, PA tot he state prison at Camp Hill, PA, so he can proceed with a federal law suit he filed against Camp Hill prison officials because he was viciously attacked by guards for no reason during the Camp Hill riots of 1989. It will be a jury trial and it will be held at the federal court house in Harrisburg, PA.

There has been a recommendation for Magistrate Wm. F. Hall in the federal law suit I filed against the system based on the May 13, 1985 bombing and massacre of me and my family. Magistrate Hall's recommendation to Judge Louis POLLAK - who will try the case when it goes to court - is that Wilson Goode and Leo Brooks (the managing director), policeman Frank Powell and Wm. Klein (the cops that dropped the bomb on us) and several other cops involved in bombing us be dropped from the suit because bombing us was ***not*** excessive force. Magistrate Hall says they did what any reasonable person in their position would do. The question now is - if bombing ***innocent*** men, women, babies, and animals in a ***row house*** is not excessive force, ***WHAT IS?*** We had not been convicted of anything when we were bombed, so we were in fact innocent according to system standards, based on legal laws saying you're innocent until proven guilty. At this point, it is just a recommendation, Judge Pollak can issue an order either accepting or rejecting the recommendation, in part or in whole. I'm preparing to file objections to the recommendation so Judge Pollak can review them before making the final decision. Depending on Judge Pollak's ruling, I have the option for appealing to the third circuit court for appeals.

This is generally where things are now with the MOVE organization. Thanks for all your support and listen out for more information.

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ALL PRAISE TO THE ORDER OF LIFE
THE POWER OF TRUTH IS FINAL
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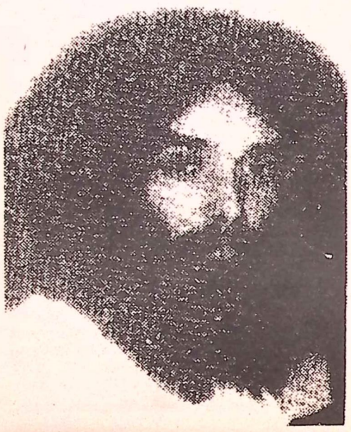
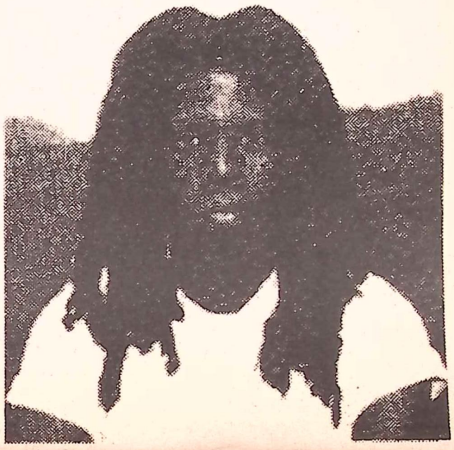


Carlos Perez Africa has been released



Consuewella Dotson Africa has been released

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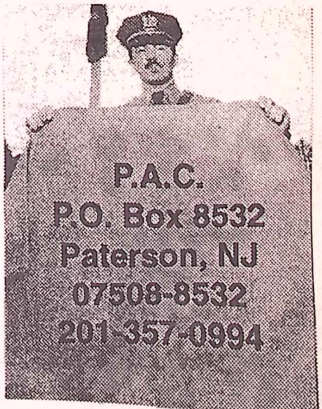

International News

ARMED UPRISING IN MEXICO

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE INDIGENOUS REVOLUTIONARY CLANDESTINE COMMITTEE OF THE EZLN, JAN. 6, 1994.

Here we are, the dead of always,
dead again, but now to live.

–To the Mexican people:
–To the people and the governments of the world:
–Brothers and sisters:

Since the 1st of January of this year, our Zapatista troops began a series of politico-military actions with the principle objective being to let all people of Mexico and this world know the miserable conditions that millions of Mexicans, especially we the indigenous people, live in. With these actions that we began, we also let people know our decision to fight for our elementary rights by the only way that the government authorities will allow: armed struggle.

The grave conditions of poverty of our compatriots has one common cause; the lack of liberty and democracy. We consider that authentic respect of liberty and democratic will of the people are the indispensable prerequisites for the impoverished of the economic and social conditions of the dispossessed of our country.

Zapatista guerillas

For this reason, just as we fly the flag of improvement of life conditions of the Mexican people, we present the demand of liberty and political democracy, for which we call for the renunciation of the illegitimate government of Carlos Salinas de Gortari and the formation of a new government for democratic transition, which would guarantee clean elections in all levels of the government. We repeat the life of our political and economical demands and around which we are trying to unite all of the people of Mexico and all independent organizations so that, by means of all different forms of struggle, a national revolutionary movement can begin where all of the forms of social organization can have a place, and the betterment of Mexico can be set forth with honesty and patriotism.

Since the beginning of our war for liberation we have received not only attacks by the repressive governmental bodies and the federal army, but also we have been slandered by the federal and state governments and by the mass news media, who try, devaluing our struggle, to lie to the Mexican people saying that our struggle is financed by foreigners, mercenaries, dark interests and anti-patriots who only seek personal gain. Because of these slanders and lies, our EZLN is obligated to say the following.

FIRST: our EZLN does not have, either in its ranks or among its leaders, any foreigners, nor has it ever received any support or training of revolutionary forces from other countries or foreign governments. The news that Guatemalans are fighting in our ranks and that they were trained in Guatemala are stories invented by the federal government to discredit our cause. We have not had, nor will we ever have, any connection with the Salvadoran FMLN, nor with the Guatamalan URGN, nor with any other Latin American, European, Afrikan, Asiatic, or Oceanic armed movement. The military techniques that we employ were not learned from the Central American insurgents, but rather from the Mexican military history; from Hidalgo, Morelos, Guerrero, Mina, from the resistance of the Yankee invasion in 1846-47, from the popular response to the French intervention, from the great heroic exploits of Villa and Zapata and from the struggles of indigenous resistance throughout the history of our country.

SECOND: Our EZLN doesn't have any relations to the catholic church authorities or any other religion. We haven't received any orientation, direction or support from neither the ecclesiastic structure of the Chiapas or the papal nuncio nor the Vatican or anybody.

In our ranks, the majority are Catholic, but include many other creeds and religions.

THIRD: The orders and the troop elements of the EZLN are mostly from Chiapas, this is so because the indigenous represent the poorest and most humiliated sector of Mexico, and also, as can be seen, the most dignified. We are thousands of natives armed, behind us there are tens of thousands of our families. Therefore, we are tens of thousands of natives in struggle. The government says it is not an indigenous uprising, but we think that if thousands of natives rise up in arms, then yes it is an indigenous uprising. There are also in our movement Mexicans from other social origins and distinct states in our country. They agree with us and have united with us because they do not agree with the exploitation that we suffer. Just as these non-indigenous Mexicans have united with us, others will because our struggle is National and is not limited only to the state of Chiapas. Actually the political direction of our struggle is totally indigenous; 100 percent of the members of the indigenous revolutionary clandestine committees in all territories of combat are ethnic Tzotzil, Tzetal, Chol, Tojolabal and others. It's true that not all the natives of Chiapas are with us yet, Because there are many who are still submerged in the ideas and tricks of the government but we are already thousands and they must take us into account. The use of masks to hide our faces is in keeping with the elemental of security measures and as a vaccine against caudillismo.

EZLN freedom fighters block the road

FOURTH: There are a variety of arms and equipment that our people count on, (and it should be understood) that their total number and quality were not shown publicly to the mass media or to the civilian populations in the major municipalities that we took over on the 1st and 2nd of this month (January). These arms and equipment were consigned little by little and prepared by 10 years of accumulation of forces in silence. The "sophisticated" means of communication that we posses can be bought in any imported goods store in the country. To get the arms and equipment we never resorted to robbery, extortion, or kidnapping/hijacking, we always relied on what we were given by the humble and honest people, in all of Mexico. That we never resorted to banditry is the reason why the forces of repression hadn't detected us throughout 10 years of careful and serious preparation.

FIFTH: Some have asked why we decided to begin now, since we have been preparing for awhile. The answer is before that we tried other pacifist and legal ways without result. During the last 10 years over 150,000 of our native brothers have died from curable illnesses. The social and economic plans of the municipal, state and federal governments don't offer any real solutions to our problems and are limited to giving us (alms) crumbs when there are elections, but the crumbs are temporary and then death comes again to our houses. Because of this we say enough, that we had enough of dying a useless death, and that it is better to fight for change. If we die now it is no longer in shame but with dignity, like our ancestors. Another 150,000 are prepared to die if necessary to wake up our people from the deceptive dream in which they are held.

SIXTH: The conditions of "reconciliation" that the federal government is trying to impose on us is unacceptable to our organization. We won't lay down our arms until the demands that we, made at the beginning of our struggle are met. On the other hand, we propose the following conditions for the initiation of dialogue:

A) Recognition of the EZLN as a belligerent force.
B) Cease fire on all sides in disputed territories.
C) Withdrawal of federal troops from all communities with full respect for human rights of the rural population. Withdrawal of federal troops to their respective barracks in distinct parts of the country.
D) Stop the indiscriminate bombing of rural populations.
E) With the last three conditions as a base, the formation of an intermediary national commission.

Our troops are committed to respecting these conditions if the federal government does the same. If not, our troops will continue to carry out our advance on the capital of the country.

Our EZLN reiterates that we will continue to adhere to the laws of war approved by the Geneva Convention, respecting the civilian population, the Red Cross, the press, the wounded and the enemy troops who surrender without fighting our troops.

We're making a special call to the North American people and government. To the first to initiate solidarity actions and aid to our compatriots, and to the North American governments to suspend all military and economic aid to the dictatorial government that doesn't respect human rights and because said aid will be used to massacre the Mexican people.

MEXICANS: the military balance in the dispute up to the 5th of January, has brought forth the following results:

1) Casualties of the Zapatista forces: 9 dead and 20 seriously wounded being attended in our field hospitals. An undetermined amount slightly wounded that were reintegrated to their combat posts and 123 missing

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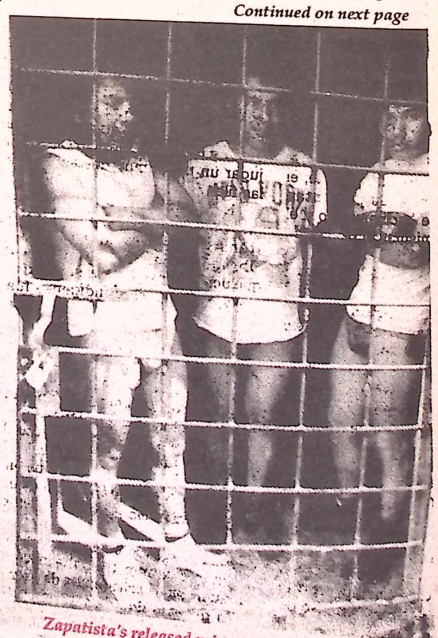


Zapatista's released prisoners and put cops in jail

PEOPLE'S WAR DECLARED

in action. We haven't included in this total our combatants who, wounded, were killed in cold blood (with a shot of mercy) by officials of the federal army. We have not yet determined the number of these comrades since our troops continue to fight in Ocosingo.
2) Casualties of the enemy forces, (including police and federal soldiers) 27 dead, 40 wounded and 180 prisoners who surrendered to our troops and were then released in good shape. There are another 30 federal troops dead, at least, unconfirmed. Theses casualties along with an undetermined number of wounded were produced on the 4th of Jan., in the mountains of San Cristobal de las Casas when bombs dropped by the FAM fell on the trucks of the federal soldiers that were maneuvering in that zone.
*3) **Enemy** war material destroyed or damaged:. 3 artillery helicopters of the FAM (1 in the capital Ocosingo and 2 in SCLC), 3 FAM air ships rockets, 15 radio patrols, 4 torture centers of the State Judicial Police.*
*4) **Liberated** prisoners: 230 from attacks on 4 prisons (2 in SCLC, 1 in Ocosingo, 1 in Margaritas).*
5) War materials captured: approximately 207 arm of different calibers M-16, G-3, M-2, Grenade launchers, rifles and pistols and an undetermined amount of ammunition of diverse calibers. 1,266 kilograms of dynamite and 10,000 TNT detonators. 20 transport vehicles. An undetermined amount of radio communications equipment used by the police, army and air force.

TO THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS:

We call the attention of the honest national and international press to the genocide being conducted by the federal military forces in the principal municipalities of San Cristobal de las Casas, Ocosingo, Altamirano and Margaritas, as well as on the roads bordering these points, where the civilians were assassinated indiscriminately and later presented as casualties of EZLN. Some of the Zapatistas claimed by the federal army, enjoy perfect health.

The behavior of the federal troops in these cities contrasts with that of our forces who are always preoccupied, as civilians in these cities can testify, with protecting innocent lives. The majority of the destruction to the public and private buildings that were next to our troops were caused by federal troops when they entered the 4 principal municipalities.

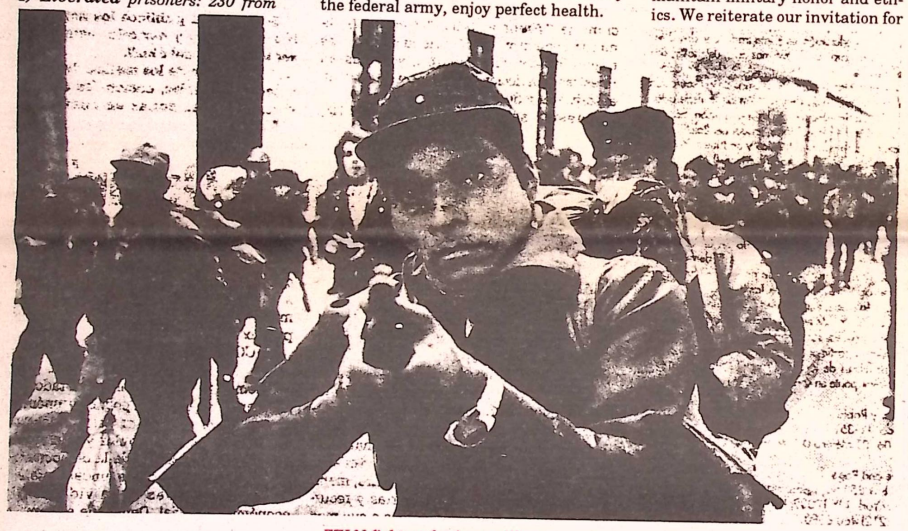
TO THE FEDERAL ARMY:

The conflict presents the unmasking, once more, of the nature of the federal army and it shows them in their true nature essence: the indiscriminate repression, the violation of all human rights and the lack of ethics and military honor. The assassinations of women and children perpetrated by the army in the area of conflict show an army without control. We are calling on officials (classes) and troops of the army to fully refuse to carry out orders handed down to them by their superiors to exterminate civilians or summarily execute prisoners of war and wounded and to maintain military honor and ethics. We reiterate our invitation for you to abandon the ranks of the bad government and to join with the cause of the people, (as you have proven yourselves), that only longs to live with justice or dire with dignity. We have respected the lives of soldiers and police that have surrendered to our forces, you take pleasure in summarily executing Zapatistas that you find wounded, unable to fight, and those who surrender. If you begin to attack our families and not to respect the lives of prisoners and wounded, then we will do the same.

TO THE MEXICAN PEOPLE:

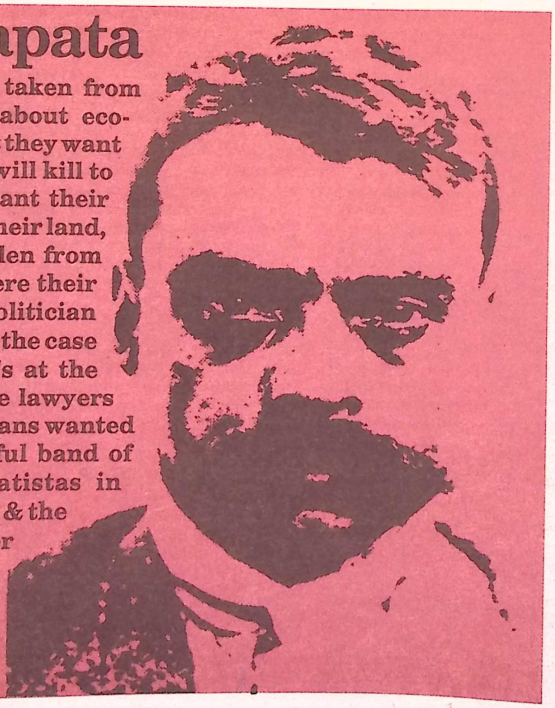
Finally we call to workers, poor peasants, teachers , students, progressive and honest intellectuals, house wives and professionals, and to all independent political and economic organizations to join our struggle which has already begun and that in all possible ways they help us achieve the freedom that all Mexicans desperately want.

We will not turn in our arms!
We want justice,
not forgiveness or alms!



EZLN fighters freeing a village

Emiliano Zapata



When an Indian's land is taken from them who knows nothing about economics, all they knows is that they want their land back & that they will kill to get it back. If they could plant their crops & harvest them it was their land, & if they couldn't it was stolen from them. The Indians knew where their wealth lay & didn't need a politician or lawyer to tell them. So was the case in Mexico in the early 1900's at the time of Emiliano Zapata. The lawyers had taken the land & the Indians wanted it back. Zapata led a powerful band of revolutionaries called Zapatistas in their struggle to free the land & the people. Almost 100 years later much has changed & much has not. We can see the Mexican people have not forgotten him & the struggle continues.

ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY COMMUNIQUE:

The Mexican Awakening

Mexicans, workers, peasants, students, honest professionals, chicanos, and progressives from other countries:

We have started the struggle which is necessary to meet the demands that have never been satisfied by the Mexican State: work, land, roof, nutrition, health, education, independence, liberty, democracy, justice and peace.

For hundreds of years we have been asking for and believing in promises that were never kept. We were always told to be patient and to wait for better times. We were promised that if we were prudent, the future would be different. And we have seen that no, everything continues the same or worse than how our grandparents and parents lived. Our people continue dying from hunger and curable diseases, and live with ignorance, illiteracy, and lack of culture. And we understand that, if we don't fight, our children will return the same. And it is not just.

Necessity brought us together and we said "Enough!" There is no more time. We will not wait for others to resolve our problems. We organized ourselves and we demand what is ours brandishing weapons, that's how the better children of the Mexican children of the Mexican people have done it throughout their long history.

We ask you to join our movement because the enemy that we face, the rich and the state, are cruel and pitiless and will not place limits on their bloodthirsty nature in order to finish with us. We must struggle on all fronts. We need your sympathy, your solidarity and you. All of those who embrace the ideals of the of the revolution could bring our demands to their people, are vital to our ultimate triumph.

The Mexican Awakening is the newspaper of the Zapatista National Liberation Army and works to inform our people about the development of the just war that we have declared on our class enemies.

NY Preist Framed In

Exclusive Plain Words Interview

This interview conducted by Neil DiGiovanni, Mathias Degan and John the Communist, with Father Patrick Maloney took place 1-22-94 at his residence on E. 9th St. and Ave. B in NY. Through a bad tape recording and thick Irish accent we typed it in as best we could. It's been slightly edited to save space. Thanks to John the Communist whom Father Pat (FP) makes frequent reference to, for sharing his long term friendship with Father Pat to hook this up.

PW- When were you arrested?

FP- I was arrested on the 12th of November {'93}. I was just getting ready to walk out of the door to the house, a bunch of youngsters were walking out {unclear), and suddenly it was like Vietnam out there. There was a slew of cops, F.B.I. guys with every imaginable weapon, from rifles, to shot guns, to machine guns. I stepped out on the stand and said "What's going on here?' I thought maybe there was some mistake, I thought there was a big drug raid and they had come to the wrong house. I asked if {unclear} "surely if you arrest some one, they have the right to know why they're being arrested." The response was that I would find out. One of them said "Brinks robbery." I said "That's absurd, it's funny, am I relieved, you surely have the wrong person."

That is all I said. But when they gave me back the discovery, it said that "When the priest responded, we asked him, why was he relieved, {he said} "well I thought you were arresting me for I.R.A. {Irish Republican Army} activities.' "

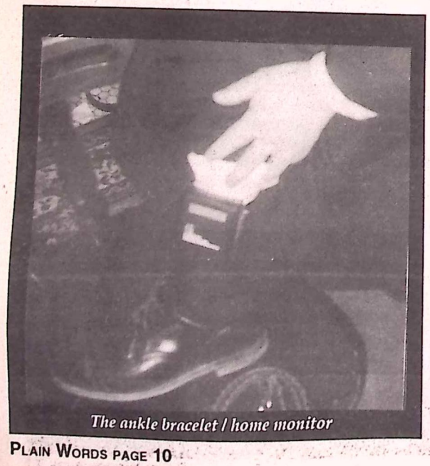
Now what a bunch of liars. First of all it's all fabricated. If I *was* involved in the I.R.A., the golden rule is secrecy, so I'm going to spout to *them* that I'm a member? Come on! First of all they do not exist in this country. Lie #1 in the very first day they had me down.

Then they'll attribute statements to one that one never made, when they could not make me talk. That's all they told me then.

They then came in here and ran through the entire building. They had a warrant to search, quote, my apartment. No good, because I don't have an apartment. I share the whole house with everybody. My office is back there, my room is in the corner there.

Admittedly, when they looked in my room, first thing that hits you when you walk through the door is from Martin Luther King, the U.N. {United Nations} poster 'When 1 is in prison, none of us is free.' Up in the top wall is on that says 'Bas no an bua', which means in the translation from Gaelic 'victory or death!' and it describes the socialist republic army of the freedom fighters of Ireland, whom we believe to be a people's army. Then the other wall says, 'you can kill a revolutionary, but *not* a revolution.' That topped with icons and other religious things. It blows their mind. They don't understand that you can have side-by-side the principals of freedom and justice of which our country is founded. The very same principals written on my walls, were the principals that the minute men and George Washington espoused when they were called terrorists by the British.

So what connection all that has with the Brinks robbery over a year ago beats me?! What link they could possibly think I have living in the building here, we've never, in my 30 years here, we never allowed money power {unclear} running our business. We opt for manpower. We've proven to the community and to the people across the city and the country that we can run an {unclear} on man power and not money power. Surplus goods get dumped on us. We've gone out there to collect, you name it. From a hotel going out of business, apartment houses, all kinds of places. And we recycle everything, and as a result we've gained total independence. We've never took a nickel from the city, state, or federal governments. They don't like that. They can't cut off your pipe line. We don't feed from their pipe line, we get from our own spring.



The ankle bracelet / home monitor

So I was taken down to the federal building and they gave me a nice meeting. I have the right to remain silent, subtly suggesting the whole way that "if you're innocent, why wouldn't you want to not talk?!"

In my 30-some years of youth counseling, I've felt very strongly about this legally, I ***always*** advise my clients, respective of what is happening, ***do not*** speak to the law officials. The best thing to say is nothing. So I said, "I would be a hypocrite to betray my own principals, however, I'll listen to you."

Then they began a barrage of questioning, and first thing they mentioned was an apartment on 1st ave., and suggested that there was monies and other things found in the apartment. I know this apartment, I've had use of the apartment as had several other people, and the man who passed it over to us. He gave us the keys and has had no contact since then, cause they're dragging this man in. And I thought, although it was an unwise thing to do, I could not allow this young man, who had given us the place and had not used it, to be dragged into whatever they were trying to fabricate. Didn't help too much, they arrested him later on that day. And now they have him down and they're taking hair samples, they subpoenaed him to a grand jury and trying to tie him in.

Charlie is a young man from NJ, who worked in the youth center here as a High school teacher, a G.E.D. teacher. Idealistic young guy, isn't too fond of what goes on in our government or our nation. He's the kind of person that's done a lot of traveling. So there are going to be a lot of *coincidental* things that they're {F.B.I.} going to look at. "Oh, you just took a trip to Florida, what were you doing in Florida?" As if there's a law against these things, you see. This is what's going on here. That's the first part.

That night we were lodged in M.C.C., Manhattan Housing Detention on the 7th floor with myself and the co-defendant. Now the co-defendant is a man I've known for 7 years. He's one of the last of the Blanket Men. I don't know if you're familiar with the term or not, but the Blanket Men, very briefly were, a group of men, who at the age of 17 were dragged off the streets by British paratroopers, not by police, interred with out trial, with out benefit of any hearings even, on the grounds that they *belonged to a prescribed subversive organization. No mention of what the organization might be.* So this young man I'm talking about was released after a year in jail, joined the paramilitary of the I.R.A., and in a short time he was dragged in. And that time he was kept for 7 years. They refused to wear prison uniforms, they were not given the common courtesy of criminals, they were being treated like animals.

This young man who I'm refereeing to, Sam Miller, I never knew him by that name by the way, I always knew him as Sam Campell, he was the last of the Blanket Men, these were men who threw off all their clothing, all the furniture out of their cell, and slept on the bare floor in the cell for 7 years. Urinating on the floor. Excrement was plastered on the walls, absorbed into the concrete to keep it from causing stench and disease. They were like hosed down {unclear}. That man survived that death.

I met him in the mid 80's. He, his wife and 1 child came looking for help. I knew they were undocumented, I knew they were illegal, I would make absolutely no apologies, not to the government, not to anybody, for reaching out and helping people who've come. Let them live by the principals of the Statue of Liberty, or take it out of the harbor. 'Give me your poor your tired, your huddled masses.' There's a total hypocrisy on the part of our government. So, he and his wife and others came to visit me. He would be maybe 1 of 200 people that came between the years of 1986 to now. People coming in off the streets just to get legalized and to try to get in the main stream of what's happening in the country. Nothing unusual about that.

But however, it was unusual that he would've been who he was, and that I happen to be who I am. I was arrested in 1982 with my brother in Ireland. I was totally exonerated, I wasn't involved with anything. My brother makes no bones about it, yes, he was running guns to free our people in Ireland. And he got caught and he did his time, like all honorable men will do. You do the crime, you do the time. We make no bones about what we do.

I've never hesitated to speak out freely and frankly about my full support of fighting men of any country that's oppressed. Be it Ireland, be it Palestine or Vietnam; north - south, wherever it is. But then you've got this hypocritical attitude here. They tell our people, 'lay down your arms.' Excuse me, I get excited and angry. Lay down your arms, trust the British who have oppressed us for 800 years. Who've caused mayhem in every country they've gone into, plundered it, including our own country. So now we have King George of England reigning supremely in the United States under draconian law in the way that you treat our people. *So I've spoken out against that.* John {John the Communist of L.E.S. Class War Organizer} can tell you here, how Father George and I and others, we've gone out and gotten ourselves arrested because how dare the city of New York in the 20th century set up a barrier around the building tell the people when they were getting in out of the cold 'we'll starve you out, we won't give you food, we'll cut off the water.' {ABC Community Center was closed by NYC. Homeless persons illegally seized and occupied it in the winter of '89}. So we crossed the picket lines and got arrested {to bring food} That makes us very dangerous criminals. Doing the work we were ordained to do.

Father Patrick Maloney at his L.E.S. residence

They had all that on record {unclear} When my arraignment was sent down, they said "there's a sealed arrest here from 1992, we'll hold that for later." Now if Stanley Cohen who is now my attorney had been there, he would say, "Oh no, let's unseal it now, let's tell the judge why this man was among the men here."

So with that kind of back ground, and other things I've been involved in, I've been verbal in my denunciation of justice wherever I see it, I was an easy target. So they actually still believe, that somehow or another I engineered a $7 million heist. They claim to have found over a million of it in the apartment that I was supposed to control, and the rest is missing. I wonder where it is? It would be nice if we could find it wouldn't it?!

Then I spent the next 7 days in the Manhattan House of Detention. A really marvelous place. A cleansing and purifying experience. I get to see fist hand what our system is like. What it's like to be in the belly of the beast. What it's like to be in our 'so-called' civilized federal prison. I can tell you it's a hell hole. The food is putrid; the treatment is worse. Men are shuffled back and forth, psychologically tortured by waking up in the middle of the night to be shifted up and down, back and forth. Hours in and out of court, you've got to be stripped searched every time you pass from one room to the next, it's incredible! And this is America? And we have the nerve to go and condemn other countries for supposed injustices and crimes against human rights. We should start and clean our own houses before we start criticizing others.

Incredible the people there. And we've got to presume that all of the people there, under the American principals of justice, are innocent until proven guilty. That's how I treated them. So I made good friends. Which whom I hope to keep contact. But the lawyers say, "Oh, we can't contact them, they may turn on you and say you said something you didn't." Now I think many of them, in their own way are honorable men. But what the government would like to do when they arrested me is say "Oh, no, we've rounded up 7 or 8 different people, we've got you all and now we'll give you the opportunity to talk." And no one wants to be the one to squeal.

They've informed me that they have a 99% conviction rate. It's true, they do. But do you know *how* they get a 99% conviction rate? They create dishonor among thieves. You know the old expression 'honor among thieves?' They create the *dishonor* among thieves. They get people to, in street terms, to rat each other out, to turn against each other. They offer immunity to certain people. So you can get a murderer, a rapist, a robber, embezzler, and they can be the *'star witness'*.

And these are the people who have convicted... don't get me wrong, I'm not a fan of any criminal, he or anyone else whose been convicted honestly and justly. But in our system we've got to resort to this type of approach?!

The grand jury is still out after a year in this case. And they're subpeoaing everybody in the world. In my file cards {hundreds of file cards containing names of people aiding him in his religious services were seized from Father Pat's office} god knows who they're going to pick out of there at random. They might see you coming in the door. They'll take the license plate # from the car, and they {F.B.I. etc.} have their ways of finding out who you are and what you do. They'll say "what were you doing there, how long did you spend there, you walked out with a bag didn't you? What was in the bag?" Incredible.

I'm out on $1 million bail, secured by my nephews and nieces and a bond from a friend. *I have this little gadget here, this is the monitor {see picture}.*

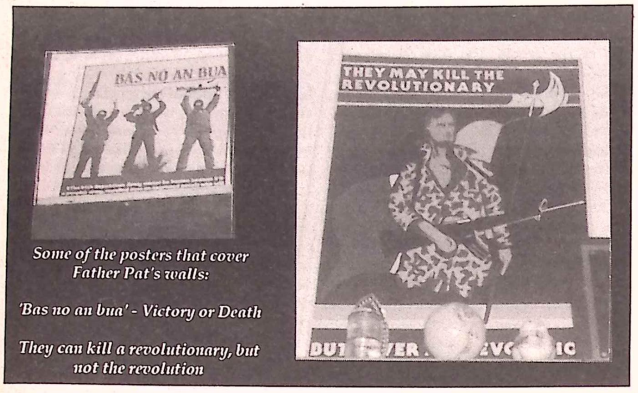
PW- Do you see any similarities between the struggle in Ireland and the struggles that are taking place in this neighborhood, {Lower East Side, L.E.S.} around the A.B.C. community center etc.?

FP- ***Of course!*** Look, there's a common thing, it's a golden chain that unites all struggling people everywhere. ***There's no doubt about it***. Whether it's struggling people here, in a neighborhood like ours, in Northeast Ireland, the anti apartheid movement in Afrika. It's not a question of Black against White, it's not about Jews against Arab. It's a question of the have's against the have not's. Greed mongers against the needy people. People who are greedy and will exploit the labor of their fellow man. Half deals that I see around and there again, I've been involved in trade unions nearly all my life, I know very many nice people, very honorable people with a lot of money, they'll think nothing of spending $100 on lunch for 2, but then they'll call you in to do work in their house and offer you $3 an hour! You see? They think they're doing you a favor. *It's incredible.*

The struggle of the classes for justice, for freedom, for housing, John can take you through the neighborhood, look at all the vets out there, victims of agent orange, victims of so many different things. So, I'm not suggesting for a minute that the F.B.I. just targeted me as an individual. But they claim there's a link between him {Sam Miller}, this man up north O'Connor. O'Connor committed a shocking crime back in 1983. An Irish-American gentleman in the most dramatic and traumatic era in our history, when 10 young men died of starvation, of hunger strike for human rights in England. We highlighted that in NY, and it swept across the nation, you know, the winds of freedom swept across the country, and people got involved. It brought Blacks back their roots, the hunger strike brought the Irish back their gods. And this man went and tripped with 200 or 300 more people to Northeastern Ireland. And he was supposed to have met Miller, and about a year later he invited me to come and visit him in the United States, Miller went to visit in Canada, came back with the intentions of spending a week or 2 in the North. But then I guess the many years of oppression and prison and torture flooded on top of him and said "hey, maybe we all should stay" As did hundreds of thousands of others. Todays paper indicated Giulliani {Mayor of NY} would not bring censors out against... there's a rumor going that hospital employees and police would have to report undocumented illegal aliens if they went for help. So the cries started yesterday, and todays paper said he's rethinking. So it indicates 400,000 illegals in greater NY. I'd estimate there's far more.

I have been, down through the years, involved with these people. I came here as an immigrant from a poor country {Ireland} from a poor family, worked hard, and could have been and was wealthy at many times in my career. I realized that money power is not the way. You have to lead people with man power and people power, and I just do not agree with the American principals of economics and justice.

ALLEGED I.R.A. HEIST



Some of the posters that cover Father Pat's walls:

'Bas no an bua' - Victory or Death

They can kill a revolutionary, but not the revolution

But, as I say, I don't regard myself as having been singled out. But when they observed me, with Miller, and they were tying him into something, suddenly "Ah, let's look here now. A retired cop who {unclear} in Northeastern Ireland after the hunger strikes. A priest that lead the processions down 2nd Ave. to the {unclear} Plaza and waved a banner and said 'Glory to the Prohos!', 'Support the freedom fighters!', including the freedom fighters all over the world and in America. And then of course this whole thing in 1982." They thought that was it. Ready my case! Big shock when they came here and didn't find anything. Big shock when they went through my finances and found less money than minimum wage for over a year. Harassed my adopted boy, went down to Florida, tore his place apart, left a rumor behind, that he was running a hot car joint, ***which is totally a lie***. They fed a lie to the press, that I had bought a car, a 1993 {unclear} Explorer for $26,000 cash. It is true I bought a car, the bank owns $20,000 of it. I bought it in a loan, I couldn't buy a car and the bank will be paid off... well they seized it so I don't know if they'll get paid for it or not but, just to give you an example.

Now if they're such a cracker jack organization, so intelligent, so bright, did they do their homework? I've reason to believe they checked with Ford Motor Co., I've no reason to believe Ford lied to them, that the loan *contract was there,* the title belongs to National Westminster Bank, who made the loan.

So, they tried media attack, trial-by-media to build their case. Now the British papers, now I'm not suggesting that everything they say is true, but the British papers quoted the F.B.I. as saying "Father Maloney is known as a gentle pastor in his constitueous roman {unclear} but to the F.B.I. he is," in big bold print, **"Father of Terror."** Common F.B.I. sources told common paper, "blueprints of other major robberies found in his apartment." I don't even have an apartment, that's where I live.

Another one was "Father Maloney is the liaison with the American business man to get dollars from business to buy death for Ulster. and other organizations." And this kept going through and through.

A member of Parliament said that "Just as bad as the fighters are those people who defend them, they should be dead {unclear}." So I went to the republics that practiced in the cathedrals and bellowed from the pulpit about freedom and justice and they (unclear) town, and I quoted a piece from Bobby Sands he said "dictators and demagogs presidents and politicians wine and dine tonight." But I was quoting from the poem. Coincidentally, he happened to be in town. So they didn't give credit to the quote, to the source from Bobby Sands writings, a Rhythm of Time, they said "Father Maloney said from the pulpit", when I closed it out I said, there is a hymn that says "Righteous men shall make our land a nation once again." I said "Glory to these men." So they quoted me and said "NY prays for the fighting men of Ireland" then it goes on to say "Father Maloney bellowed out, to glorify the fighting men of Ireland, even the sleeping homeless in the back of the church woke up."

They made a big deal of it. But it's totally out of context. That's what I think is going on at the present time.

I go to Rochester on Monday, probably told I'm indicted, and they're still gathering whatever it is they can gather. They're just digging and digging. The more they dig, the less they'll find. I don't even think they'll bring up worms in their shovel!

I'm under house arrest as you know. It's very difficult. There's a lot of things happening out there I can't do anything to help. I believe there's some promise in all of this. Maybe you know, I'm not making any comparison but John the Baptist and John over there {John the Communist} preached the coming of the Kingdom and people went up and defied the Herod's of the day and people start to do what should be done. John got his head cut off, I'm not interested in loosing my head right now. But I'm willing to take the risk of speaking. And I think the time has come that somebody's got to be the voice, a credible voice that has to say, you can't accuse me of drug running. Believe me they're going to try to dig, they'll try to come up with some dirt some where, they'll try to invent something. This is the way the F.B.I. works.

Now, I have no problems with the productivities of different people, I believe that people have to be who they are, and we have to respect them for who and what they are in order to uphold the dignity of the other person. But how dare our government go out when we had the queen of the all, Edgar Hoover, and the F.B.I. What kind of man he was. the innuendos he brought out. It is really virtually a reign of terror across our land. And for the young people, especially in America, say ***"it's time to stop!"*** These guys are not above the law. You know down their they have written around the court room, I always smile, it's a big joke, it says "The true administration of justice is the firmest pillar of good government."

Where law ends, tyranny begins. And when the F.B.I. or the C.I.A. or the regular police, state police or city police, step outside of that law, when they end law for you and me, tyranny has begun. And we are the victims of state and institutionalized terrorism. Tragically with the blessing of government. And that is insanity. They took youngsters outside of this house at gun-point, lined them up against cars out front, and trying to get them to turn against each other saying "We know this and we know that, this one told me this, this one told me that" *they build their cases by innuendos and lies. And the tragedy of it is they get so much circumstantial stuff to tie in together, it would look like* something went down.

Have you ever done much reading on the grand jury system? It's unbelievable. 23-24 people on the federal grand jury, they listen to 1 side of the story, even if the information is ill-gotten, or gotten through false searches, they can still act on that, and they indict on the basis of that. Then you can console yourself with the wise words of 1 time president Nixon, when all these people grabbed him in the Watergate scandals, he said "Remember America, an indictment is not a conviction." Sure enough it was, and most of his rouges were bought off the hook.

PW- What are you charged with?

FP- They're trying desperately to tie the Brinks robbery of January 4, 1992, to a larger movement. If we can believe what they say, they're trying to say it was an operation of the I.R.A. Now I can assure you, the I.R.A. has ***never*** operated outside it's own shores. Except to bring the legitimate fight for Irish freedom to the British mainland. And they should have done that not in the last 5 years, they should have done it 20 years ago. They should have taken out Buckingham Palace, the House of Parliament, as well as Dublin Castle and all those relics of imperialism that are left..I say this with out any fear because I am talking about the buildings, not the people.

But for whatever strange reason, they have O'Connor, Miller and myself have 1 thing in common. I and he have a love of our native country and a belief in the right to freedom, and he his ancestral home. So, with that in common, that now links us together. He worked for Brinks at the time that the robbery happened, they'll try to tie him into the Brinks robbery.

What they're charging me with specifically is knowingly possessing more than $100, it could be 1 million, could be 10 million, having more than $100 of federally insured money, knowingly possessing it. That doesn't mean you have to have it on your person. It was found in an apartment that I and several other people have access. I have seen no documents to proven that the money allegedly found there has been traced back to the Brinks robbery.

PW- What sentence do you face?

FP- The craziest thing about it is you can go murder your mother, butcher your father, mutilate your sister, and get 1-5 with the right kind of lawyer on something like criminal negligence, or some aberration resulting in homicide, but for a conspiracy case you can get 10 years. 1-10 or 10 years. There's unlimited power in the sentencing ability of the federal government. It's a very, very strange system. It really has to be looked over very carefully. I worry when I see or hear something like 'the true administration of justice is the firmest pillar of good government.' If the kind of justice that's being administered right now in this case is the pillar of government, we'd better watch out. We'll have a worse earthquake than they had out in California, those pillars are going to collapse upon us. But it doesn't have to happen. Because the people can block it with people power.

A very important principle, which is enshrined in our constitution, and in the statutes of most of our courts, is that the prosecuting attorney and investigator are {unclear} supposed to seek out truth and justice, not just convict you. It is their responsibility to exonerate the innocent and try to convict the guilty. But in our times, they withhold evidence, they want a sensational case.

I'll give you another example, my brothers and family are really furious about this. I have nephews roughly in your age bracket {mid twenties). While they were all going down to the court room on a particular Tuesday, when my bail hearings were going on, the prosecutor told them that they must, ***all*** members of the family, ***all*** of them, my brothers, wives, children must be in the court room for examination to sign the bond. They all went down. While they were down there, the feds came up and tried to raid my brothers house a 2nd time. And in stalling to try to get time to do what they were doing... I had a hearing at 11 o'clock. At 12, the prosecutor objected to me getting my street clothes. He wanted me in my prison uniform. The judge said that there was no reason that any defendant can not come into the court room with out his own clothes on. There are no rules saying he can not. They came up with a loop hole. It would be too dangerous. Their might be contraband or explosives in the priests clothing. This was all in the NY Post. So they stalled it another 3 or 4 hours. The judge said that you've got enough sophisticated equipment to screen the clothing. ***Do it!*** and then give him his clothing and we'll have this hearing. So while all that was going on, they came up to raid this time, my brother got his {unclear} and whole family out and confronted the F.B.I. If you want to see the tape they captured it, it was incredible! They called him every {unclear} fascist, un-American. I'm ashamed to think that I am when I see what you're doing. You can't do this in your own house, you can't do this you can't do that, incredible.

And they're angry now because they have nothing. They have a whole pile of circumstantial stuff that can be clearly explained away.

That's the status quo, I go to court on Monday the 24th {Jan.} I'll probably be told... I understand from sources in Rochester that the judge has already told the prosecution that 'you'd better get on with your case.' It would seem now that they're using the grand jury, not as a body to hear evidence but to collect, to see what they can develop in the case. To fish for evidence. And that's the bottom line.

PW- When might you go to trial?

FP- Yes, the trial date is supposed to be June 20, but of course that's the given date. But here's another point, they're trying to bring it all the way up north to Rochester to trial, but the point is, unless they can establish a link with me, and the co-defendant or whomever in Rochester, we'll fight tooth and nail to bring it back where it belongs, where we were charged with the alleged possession of money in Manhattan. And that's where the trial should go on. We're going to have a jury of our peers, my peers. With all due respect to some people in small towns, you get these lawyers up there like big fish in tiny ponds, but our littlest fish down here can gobble them up. That would be their way of getting even. Our government tries, they don't want {unclear}, one wonders, whose really pulling the strings? Is it British interests, which is in our cases, there's no doubt about it. This is the Irish bashing decade. It's interesting, every so many years, we had the hunger strike, we had the civil rights move, the Bloody Sunday massacres, in '72-'71, then we had the hunger strike in '72, and in '82. And now in the '90 we have the attack on these people who're doing different things for their own country. And *none* of the Irishmen that I know have done anything that other people across the world have not done.

The final thought I'll leave you with. Our president {Clinton} just returned from the former Soviet Union and other countries, and the hypocrites who'll shout across the world and say "lay down your arms and let's talk peace." He didn't say to the people over there dismantle your nuclear warheads, he said turn them in another direction. We have no intention of getting rid of ours. We could right now dismiss, and save **billions** of dollars for the government, dismiss half the F.B.I. who were there to fight the cold war. Now with no cold war left, with no Russia to worry about, with no evil empire, except to me there is an evil empire, it's called Britain, but that's another story. Now Reagan's evil empire has fallen apart, and there's no star wars to fight, but we still have god knows how many F.B.I. agents who were there to spy on everybody else, now are going around twiddling their thumbs, they don't have anything to do. So naturally you've got to go out and do something. They can be on all the street corners watching the people. I would imagine they've spent millions already on this case alone. But that keeps people working, it's good for the economy. We've got to keep those great big wars and great big businesses going. And war doesn't have to be bullets and bombs and weapons. There's a psychological war, a cold war going on against the freedom of young Americans... So I guess they're getting worried. Who knows what we're looking for, I don't know? But there's somebody out there doing something.

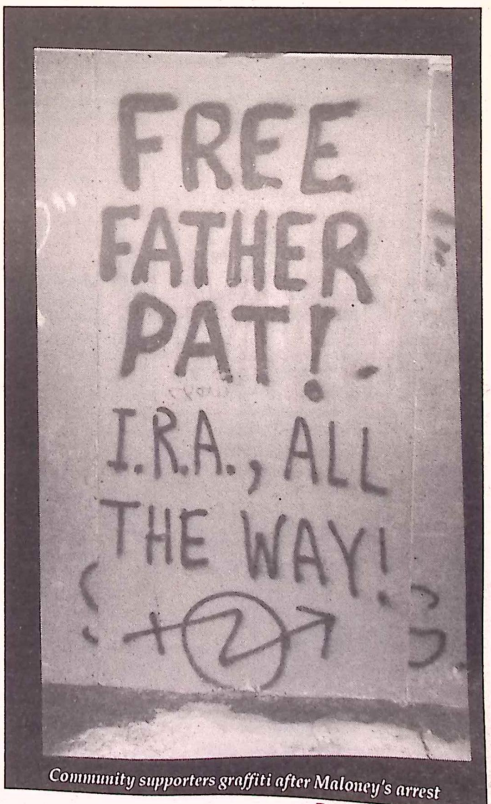
PW- What can people do to support your case?

FP- Well I think that the most important thing of all is to keep up with it, watch it, find out what's going on. I myself would love to know, what is going on? You know, give credit where credits due. The F.B.I. is supposed to be a cracker jack organization. If they had really looked into my past, at who I am here, they could have called me on the phone and said "We've got a warrant for your arrest" or "We'd like to talk to you, will you come to our office?" I would've walked in the door. I'm not trying to run. They have me on a bracelet on $1 million bail? ***I wouldn't give up this little area for all the gold in the world!*** All the money in Fort Knox! All the gold there wouldn't drag me away from my little kingdom on the Lower East Side!

So all of that is out there and the time has come, its got to be exposed, the more that we observe, this case is going to tell what lies will come out? Will they come out and admit they lied about that car for example. Do you really believe that they didn't know that car was bought with a bank loan? So they find a priest, who has lived all his life among the poor with no bank accounts, no money no anything, but lived well and shared with everybody. My concept of poverty is not owning things for me personally, it doesn't mean we live in poverty, we live well. But we share with these little boys from Harlem, and everyone else who walks in off the street, day in and day out, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and we refuse to accept the poverty that could affect us by not living well. There are people who don't seem to see that.

I say again, I don't think there's any conspiracy to get me, but now that they've made a mistake, they're realizing they have the wrong person, they've got to tarnish me one way or the other. They've got to come up with something to discredit me.

So keeping up with what is happening will help. and when the right time comes, have people come to observe the trial, because I'm telling you, I'm not on trial, I think the church is on trial, I think my country is on trial, I think that American justice is on trial. And what affects me today affects all of you tomorrow. From what's in there on that plaque from Martin Luther King, "When one of us in prison, none of us are free."



Community supporters graffiti after Maloney's arrest

LETTERS & EDITORIALS

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We leave it our readers to create their own opinions on the subject matter

RESIST

P.A.C. and the Plain Words Staff

P.A.C.,
This issue of Plain Words/ COPWATCH *(Plain Words #2/COPWATCH #003)* was/ is dope, and you should advise your critics to butt off because they are only offering a lot of thunder without the rain! I'm impressed, and I support your efforts...
Earth Crisis, All Of This Suffering,
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Prisoner of War

P.A.C.,
Plain Words is beautiful irregardless of it's format, the information and revolutionary spirit is what counts most. *I also read the Anarchist* Black Cross draft written by Bro. Kom'boa, and found it to be one of the most progressive pieces of work i've reviewed in a while. My people met him last week at the Jersey City event; i assume you were there.

I noticed that you'll use the term riot a lot in Plain Words. Riot is a reactionary term used generally by the media in order to discredit and undermine the politico nature and implications of whatever it is that's being resisted. Anytime We're challenging the establishment or power structure, the proper politico terms are: revolt, rebellion, uprising, unrest or insurrection. Riot relates to action that is not politically motivated, and are not directed at so-called authority figures, such as sports events, music concerts etc.

Just thought i'd drop that on you'll; hope you don't mind.

In the meantime, stay in touch, and extend my regards to the collective.

Together We Shall Win!!
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Some Realities of Nation Building

By Leonard S.

The culture that exists in this society has brought about catastrophic social problems. When the correlation between the dynamics of this society; economy, social structure and racial composition are thought, spoken or written about. Generally these are things the average "grass roots" person has become bored with. Not only because the majority of these encounters are a maze of shallowness and pro-government propaganda with fascist ideals cloaked in unrealistic faith, but also because even when the status quo is attacked by "progressive forces," the challenges are weak because too much emphasis is placed on appealing to the consciousness of the apathetic and elements of the society who's interests are separate. This is not to say that it's not absolutely essential to work as hard as possible to make people aware of rampant misinformation and diversions from real issues questions and solutions. No doubt we'll always be struggling to combat lies.

To this date, the struggle to engage the oppressor state hasn't yet been able to sustain itself from the numerous past heavy blows dealt by government forces, and gain the momentum necessary to wage real war on all levels. In the sphere of this country, there are **nations within the nation**. Separate class and race interest make it virtually impossible **at this time** to reach out to more than one level of society at once. Even though dissatisfaction is on a high level throughout many levels of society, no cohesion exists at this point. Contrary to what has historically been consistent with the formula of revolutionary movements. That is, the struggle being led by the middle-class, which was conventionally the more stable class. This will not likely be the case here in Amerikkka. Though not yet disciplined the only militant classes here in Amerikkka are the lower working class and unemployed. *In short terms these are the only threats to the power structure... especially* the non-white under class peoples. Which has been made more apparent in the last thirty years, and where repression is the order. The focus on the state has been an emphasis on "security." A terminology in accord with many code words that are used to create and maintain the atmosphere of mistrust and paranoia. We know the government can't survive without social division. And when we try to organize against laws that are oppressive, usury and state violence against us, we are attacked on every level. Particularly the pro-government media. Through them, images are created and overt implications are made to suggest that anything not in line with pro-western culture "democracy" are not positive or in their way of thinking legitimate ways of life. When faced with an enemy of this kind, it becomes clear that we have to go beyond conventional ways of thinking. For a long time most of us have been satisfied with accepting the roles of peaceful resistance. Not meant as a criticism in that all levels of resistance are a necessary part of the whole. Even so, past and present events, within these boarders... as well as international lessons of war. The main lesson to be learned is that conflict in the realm of the struggle for power, or a struggle against a powerful enemy must always reach the point of bloodshed. Negotiation is an impossibility with forces that are secure in their own strength. Therefore, with these things being as they are, it means that those of us who are serious about waging real war against oppression, the time has come to cross the line and make preparations for combat roles. Not only is a war to be waged against the forces of the government and its cohorts. Even so, we can't deny dealing with the negative forces among us. As a result of a multitude of systematic, economic and social, anti-social problems. The dense urban populations, that are made up mainly of the most desperate and despaired people. Mostly African and other non-whites. This is the factor of race colonization and class control combined.

The focus of the government on all levels (local, state and federal), is a long history of an on going offensive against us.

(1.) The forced dependency on people who are greedy and hostile to our existence.
(2.) A structure which leaves us powerless.
(3.) Under constant threat from paramilitary mercenary forces (police agencies).
(4.) A criminal justice system that is racist.

Set in place against the mass of poor people. A weapon of genocide and repression. A structure developed to suppress potential rebellion. A tool of convenience that corresponds with the conditions of anti-social behavior created from how the society is organized. In effect... the design to breed a mentality of self-destructiveness. So now we have a situation of people against themselves and depending on an enemy to intervene and resolve problems that were for the most part were brought about by their control over them. It's foolish to think of continuing the same path of existence.

Looking to the route of conventional strategies and tactics of building a popular large scale movement with in the country doesn't seem a logical course. The climate doesn't exist for the cataclysmic result necessary to destabilize the present structure.

That will only happen once we begin making preparations for actions on two fronts simultaneously. The first is creating an atmosphere of strength and independence in our poorest communities. It has to be done with people who understand the necessity of both levels, Meaning... they'll have to know and be willing to accept the responsibilities and consequences of whatever level taken on. **We have to have people organizing within the communities with the goal of turning the people away from the government, and more self reliance. It has to be understood that doing this in itself is a declaration of war.**

The process will be slow because there are so many different areas to be addressed. On developing a strong above ground organization. The migration of our people into particular areas developing programs that serve the needs of the people living in the communities. Helping families getting food, heat during the cold months, pressuring landlords to make repairs. Programs have to be created for all age groups which would focus on a new way of life. People have to be discouraged from falling into selfish individualism. Those who continue to perpetuate negativity, hostility, and irresponsible violence throughout the community have to be exposed and dealt with. Of course this will not be the responsibility of the above ground organization. The establishment of a small, secret well trained urban guerrilla army not attached to the above ground movement, but capable of maintaining good intelligence at all times.

A military wing is essential to any success. As long as we limit ourselves to just one particular phase of struggle, we'll remain as we are. Conditions are very ripe in this country for rebellion. However, its up to us to intensify the hostilities between the state and the civilian population. We live in a time where the most reactionary elements have a strong grip over the society. In that those controlling the majority of our resources have no thought of allowing us to threaten their position over us. In order for us to gain any relief... it has to become necessary for us to make them feel unsafe on a consistent level. What the people of this nation need are examples of what can be done by a small number of people. Momentum builds from examples. The mission is to kill any faith left in people already angry. To destroy the myth of invincibility in so much as their vulnerability. A complete dedication to sabotaging the entire structure and order.

"We will never know freedom, nor will we ever be safe until our enemies fear for their lives as we have."

US Government Memorandum
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An incoming publication titled Plain Words, issue #2, to which you apparently subscribed, has been found to contain objectionable material. The decision has been made that this material would be detrimental to the security and good order of the institution. Specifically, this publication contains page after page of articles which describes or encourages activities which may lead to the use of physical violence or group disruption.

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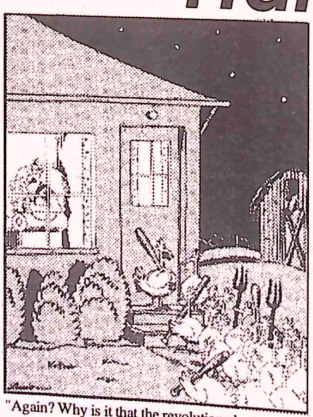
Revolutionary Humor



"Again? Why is it that the revolution always gets this far & then everyone just chickens out?"

"Hey, bucko ... I'm *through* begging."

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin on Anarchism & the Black Revolution

On Nov. 12, 1993 **Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin** author of **Anarchism and Black Revolution**, spoke to a interested crowd at the **Right to Existence** Bookstore. Lorenzo spoke about his work with the "Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee" (SNCC) and the Black Panthers. He was also involved in anti-Klan and civil-rights activities in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta and other cities. Because of this dedication to the struggle he was ultimately given life in prison by a racist jury in a small town in Georgia. He continued to fight for Black liberation while in the notorious Marion Federal Prison and was inspired to become an anarchist during his incarceration. He served *almost 15 years, until a defense campaign won his freedom.*

Lorenzo is currently working to build a revolutionary prison movement and he is working with the international **Anarchist Black Cross (ABC)** on a massive campaign for the release of political prisoners.

His book, **Anarchism and the Black Revolution**, addresses subtle racism by whites within the anarchist movement. It speaks to the Black community about establishing social power through liberation of an independent Black Commune as well as waging a battle against the State. He emphasizes the need for community self-reliance in his "survival program" (i.e. liberation schools, housing cooperatives, etc.) but he also advocates "armed self-defense and the knowledge of tactics to resist military aggression against the Black community."

This book must be read by any one concerned with building a truly anti-racist society.

In the words of New Afrikan Anarchist P.O.W., **Ojore N. Lutalo**: "The new Anarchism and the Black Revolution is dope!"

Get the book for $4 from P.A.C.

Lorenzo's Survival Program (excerpts)

(1) We must have community control of all businesses and financial institutions located in our communities.

(2) We must have community control of all housing and major input in all community planning of Black communities.

(3) We must have an independent self sustaining economy to guarantee full employment to all our people.

(4) Reparations: The Big Payback. We must build a mass movement in our communities to compel the government and the rich to provide the means for our community redevelopment.

(5) End police brutality. We must organize self-defense units to protect the Black Community and its organizations and remove the state's police forces.

(6) We must undertake a large-scale program to train Black people as doctors, nurses and medical paraprofessionals in order to make free quality medical and dental care available to Black people. This would include community anti-drug programs and drug rehabilitation clinics.

(7) We must establish a Black community-controlled food system for self-sufficiency and as a way of fighting to end hunger and malnutrition.

(8) We must establish a Black Liberation educational system which meets the training needs of Black children, prepares them for job training and future economic security, service to the community, and gives them a knowledge of themselves and an understanding of the true history and culture of African people; as well as a program of adult education.

(9) We must demand and fight for the release of all Black political prisoners and victims of racial injustice.

(10) The central demand is for Black control of the Black community, its politics and economy. We have to take over the cities, establish municipal communes, and exercise self-government, as a vital step.

Kuwasi Balagoon Remembered

By Tafawa Balagoon - Dec. 2, '93

I am a New Afrikan/Black Nationalist Prisoner presently konfined in New Jersey State Prison's (NJSP) Administrative Segregation (AD/SEG) Unit, serving a sanction with an undetermined number of days applied, for numerous Institutional Offenses.

My letter intends to fokus on the kommemoration of the late New Afrikan/Black Revolutionary Anarchist, Kuwasi Balagoon who died on December 18, 1986, of pneumocystis Cainii pneumonia induced by AIDS acquired while he was inkarcerated at New York's Auburn Prison... It was during my konfinement here in one of Amerikkka's most racist kkkamps NJSP's AD/SEG unit in 1988 when I was first introduced to Kuwasi Balagoon's poem kalled "Your Honor"... It was this brothers poem that made me want to learn more of this Brother, "Why he was speaking with so much determination, what was his purpose, and what was the forces that produced this warrior to bekome the freedom fighter he was known to be"... I read, I read, I read, and I read- finally I came across some revolutionary material on the Lack Liberation Army (BLA) where I learnt then that Kuwasi was a soljah for the people. His purpose was waging "war" on the enemy kulture who held him and his people as a kolonized nation, here in the U.S., and any where else where New Afrikan people's are oppressed. I understood later on why he spoke with so much self-determination, bekause he was determined to break the yoke of oppression - whether it was through a poem or his actions. Then and now I have come to the realization that the evils of fascism, kapitalism, Imperialism, sexism, and the whole government structure of the U.S., was the forces that produced this great warrior of all oppressed people... Kuwasi has inspired me a great deal. His love for freedom, women, children, and for the people in general, he did something to me that I wanted to kontinue his revolutionary dream by taking on his name (Balagoon), which means "warlord".

I took on this name not to "show-boat", but bekause I believed and still believe in his kause. There needed of many more Kuwasi Balagoon's, more revolutionaries like himself who would pick up the torch of armed struggle to further the fight for Liberation, and the human right to be independent and free from all forms of exploitation - oppression and domination... Each time a pig kalls out my name "Ba-la-goon" I smile bekause they have yet to realize that there was once a Black man who walked this earth who kared less about kicking a pig in the ass, who never gave it a second thought about taking on the whole enemy kulture in the name of freedom and people. They have yet to realize that I kould be the next Kuwasi Balagoon who could skratch their whole lights out, and kreate a whole new path of armed resistance... Kuwasi is remembered!

"I thought murder was legal"

Write to me:

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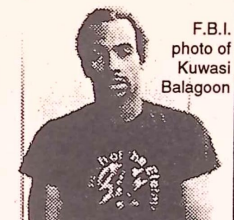

F.B.I. photo of Kuwasi Balagoon

Kuwasi Balagoon is still loved and remembered in 1994

Kuwasi Balagoon

Need A Home? Take One!

No law can deny us our human right to housing

Squats not only serve as a home for the homeless, and a center for community residents, they also can be used as a liberated zone in our neighborhoods, or zones of resistance.

The **Need A Home? Take One!** articles that appeared in Plain Words #1 and #2 explained, these abandoned buildings which have been left to die by the city and money hungry landlords, can be seized by people who need them, and made into homes by the people who live in them. The squats can then become centers for the areas hungry people when community gardens and kitchens are established. But what we'll focus on in this article is a revolutionary liberated zone.

Squats are something people build, for themselves, they are not legal in the sense that we have been speaking, so for all intents and purposes, they are already zones of resistance. Many squats across North Amerikkka and beyond, build large community rooms, or turn the basements and/or yards/lots into spaces for community events that local halls may not want to host.

Plain Words #2 reported the Paterson Anarchist Collective's troubles upon securing a location for Ramona Africa of Philadelphia's MOVE organization to speak. Paterson Public Library closed its doors to her, then the Father English Community Center accepted, only to later reject the program.

I can't really say we should wonder why these establishments refused to open their doors to her. When you consider that half of Ramona's family was illegally jailed in 1978, and the other half killed by police in 1982 in a bombing that to this day leaves an embarrassing scar upon Philly's history (both were ultimately for their stand against the racist government), we can see why the state owned public library and a catholic church owned hall might not want to host such an event. MOVE stands in direct opposition to the state and the catholic church, as do we.

If Paterson had a squat within its city, I'm sure the people of the building would have gladly opened its doors to MOVE or an other revolutionary speaker or organization, as the squat is itself revolutionary.

In freedom loving people's many attempts to raise revolutionary consciousness in their areas, slammed doors and state repression always takes its toll. It's part of a lesson we all learn, and all too often don't have an immediate solution to. In many cases, such as the one mentioned above, we are forced to depend upon facilities that are under the control of our enemies. In theory, these so called "public" places are open to all of the public. In this context, we revolutionaries are members of the so called public and should be able to use such spaces. But we are openly enemies of the establishment, and the establishment knows this. Thus, their loop-holes are created.

Referring to the MOVE event, Paterson Public Library stated they could not remain open during the time period we needed to use their space, but P.A.C. members know this to be false, we have attended events there until after the time we requested.

Father English Community Center gave many reasons they would not rent to P.A.C. Their final explanation was that on the poster P.A.C. had posted, the word "pig" appeared in reference to police officers. When considering the word was but one in a three paragraph rap in a type size not much larger than you are reading now, it seems trivial, but none-the-less a legitimate excuse.

In this dependence on other than revolutionary spaces, we learn repression and disappointment. Squats are definitely an answer, and an alternative. Squats can be detrimental to the degree and success of building a revolutionary consciousness.

The buildings simple existence will raise an interest in the area of what's going on. By using the building as the center of political and cultural events in the neighborhood, and by holding events that are of interest to the neighboring community such as concerts featuring local acts, the building will become known as a place that is an alternative, a revolutionary alternative to the local happenings.

As revolutionary anarchist Kuwasi Balagoon stated in **Anarchy Can't Fight Alone**; *"We must not only recognize the squatters movement for what it is, but support and embrace it. Set up communes and abandoned buildings, sell scrap cars and aluminum cans. Turn vacant lots into gardens. When our children grow out of clothes, we should have places where we can take them, clearly marked anarchist clothing exchange, and have no bones about looking for needed clothing there first. And of coarse we should learn how to preserve food; we must learn constructions and ways to take back our lives, help each other move and stay in shape."*

Let's keep the Amerikkkan and Canadian flags flying at half mast... I refuse to believe that Direct Action has been captured."

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NJ Anarchist Black Cross

"FREE PEOPLE HAVE NO USE FOR PRISONS"

Free Hatari wa'Haki, NJ P.O.W.

Hatari wa'Haki is a New Afrikan P.O.W. On Wednesday, March 9, 1983, he, along with 2 other non-political bandits attempted to expropriate monies from First National Bank, located on Broadway and Madison Ave. in the City of Paterson. The purpose of this expropriation was to secure money for revolutionary purposes. Even government documents show that "the monies were to be used by a group known as the New Afrikan Revolutionary Movement."

When discussing this act with other Patersonians, many remember this incident and do not associate it with the struggle for Black Liberation. To those who were aware of the act, and to those who aren't, be aware that many times our freedom fighters carry out these actions with non-political bandits. The lack of political people willing to take the struggle to this level, often leaves them no other choice.

The following is a brief statement by Hatari written for Plain Words #3.

My name is Hatari wa'Haki and I am a New Afrikan prisoner-of-war suffering here within the confines of Trenton State Prison, NJ. I define myself as a P.O.W. simply because that's what i am, and what my actions dictate:

In 1983, i was captured in the Bronx, New York after being haunted by the feds for months in connection with a politically motivated armed bank assault, which was carried out in the expressed interest of financing the Black underground.

During the coarse of this assault, the pig who's duty it was to guard and protect government funds was killed by Guerrilla gunfire.

After a 3 month trial in which i faced the death penalty, i was convicted and sentenced to Life + 20 years.

Out of the 10 years i've been in captivity, 9 of those have been in solitary confinement. All of my solitary confinement time was related to my politico affiliations and liberation attempts. I am a firm believer that the most effective prison struggle is the struggle to get ***out*** of prison, where the ***real*** struggle is waged.

I've been politically conscious the majority of my adult life, and was heavily influenced by the revolutionary theories of Malcolm X the spirit of George Jackson, and the Soul of the ***Black Liberation Army.***

Though i realize that true struggle has to be coordinated and waged on all fronts, my particular politics are geared more so towards the politico-military aspect of struggle. I place strong emphasis on the armed struggle because i feel it's essential and gives momentum and moral to the liberation movement at large. It gives others the incentive to want to struggle, and make them proud to say they are a part of it.

Though i am a Pan Afrikanist/Socialist, i think a person's personal philosophical-ideology is irrelevant; it only serves today as a vehicle to keep the movement divided, and the reality is that no matter what ideology one chooses to embrace, none can be enforced with the u.s. empire still standing. Therefore, Our only obligation as strugglers is to ***act***; principally and as a class.

There's no doubt we need a ***People's*** Army, and i am thoroughly convinced that the soldiers must come out of the prisons where some of the most dedicated and committed Brothers and Sisters languish with little or no support.

In the words of amerikkka's so called expert on ***terrorism:***

"...There's no defence against the professionally trained Urban Guerrilla..."

This is a fact, but We'll lose by default if We're not in the position to participate in the game

Liberate the Fighters;
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CAN'T JAIL THE SPIRIT!

(Front row L-R) Larry Giddings, Jaan LaMaan, Michael McCoy, Khalid S., (Middle Row L-R) Leonard Peltier, Fahwaz Y., Sundiata Acoli, Wolf Chang, Yaree W (Back Row L-R) Subhi A., Robert Bird, March Cook. - Leavenworth, Oct. 1991.

Lorenzo Stone-Bey

Lorenzo L. Stone-Bey, a 34 year old Black man, was the target of a frame-up and a highly political trial in February 1976 when he was 17 years old in Gary Indiana.

When asked why there was pressure on the police to specifically capture him, he replied "The police was not allowed to come in my neighborhood and jump on people and harass us, cause we stood our grounds, physically, we didn't run from them and they was just not allowed to kick us in our ass or shoot at us without getting shot back at.

Once brothers from my neighborhood united with brothers on the other side of town, the powers that be was challenged without fear or respect and I was and still is one who rejects any form of police occupation in our communities and challenged the authority. Malcolm X said 'I'm violent against those who are violent against me' and my people.

Once we (the two neighborhoods) became united, the petit bourgeoisie was no longer comfortable and felt that I had to be taken off the streets.

The alleged victim and the state senator who was his brother owned about three places of business and the place that got robbed was next to one of theirs when the police, politicians, lawyers, dope dealers and so-called power structure goes. It was something like a private club for them, and according to the police testimony, we was trying to get more guns and money to close them down. By them being associates of a state senator and his brother who got killed, you can imagine the political pressure to capture me."

With 3 co-defendants, Lorenzo alone was convicted on 2 counts of 1st degree murder in the perpetration of an alleged robbery. In accepting the guilty plea agreement of a 5th co-defendant, Elliot James, who had 2 witnesses for the state testifying he was the person who announced a robbery after one of the state witnesses refused to sell him a bottle of wine. These 2 witnesses testified that the state witness Elliot James pointed a gun in their face and made them get onto the floor and the state still used his guilty pleas against Lorenzo.

Once the state put Elliot James on the witness stand, upon cross examination he admitted he pleaded guilty to save his own neck and not to get a life sentence. He further admitted that the Gary Police Department and Lake County Prosecutors office falsified his statements to implicate Lorenzo and the other 3 co-defendants.

Lorenzo L. Stone-Bey is currently serving a life sentence at Indiana State Prison where he has been constantly oppressed for speaking out and his political ideas. Lorenzo has no prior felony convictions. He is trying to organize support to bring the injustice of his case to the nations attention.

Lorenzo Stone Bey - #10006
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What is the Anarchist Black Cross?

The origins of the Anarchist Black Cross date back to the Russian Revolution in the early 1900's. An Anarchist Red Cross was formed in Tsarist Russia to organize aid for political prisoners and their families, and self defense against political raids by the Cossack army. During the Russian Civil war, it changed its name to the Black Cross to avoid confusion with the Red Cross who were organizing relief in the country.

The ABC believes that prisons serve no function except to preserve the ruling classes. A decrease of anti-social crime is inevitable after a dramatic change in the economic, social and political system, therefore prison abolition becomes a realistic option. We also believe that a free society must find alternative ways of dealing with anti-social crime. Our primary goal is to achieve these fundamental changes. Work for a stateless, classless, cooperative society, free from privilege or domination. Building such organizations is not nearly enough. This is why ABC defends and protects those who have been captured while carrying out anarchist and revolutionary deeds, or those who have been captured for just holding these ideals.

ABC does whatever it can to make sure prisoners do not become isolated from the ongoing revolution outside of prison. We regard them as prisoners of war, and absolutely recognize them as active part of the struggle. We keep in contact with these captives, visit, send material as well as financial aid, organize on their behalf create the necessary recognition prisoners may need in their fight for freedom, or to at least put an end to any abuses or torture.

We are convinced that in order to battle and defeat the organized repression of the state, we too must be highly organized. In 1989, ABC organized the Emergency Response Network (ERN) to respond to political raids, crackdowns, death sentences, hunger strikes, tortures, or killings of members of, or prisoners from groups or organizations we work in solidarity with. The ERN enables ABC groups (as well as all other groups) around the world to mobilize and send telegrams, make phone calls organize demonstrations and take other direct actions to persons or personnels that are responsible, or who can demand retraction of the pending conditions.

The ABC will continue to fight for those who have fought and have been captured!

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POLICE BRIEFS

Cop shoots man in face

Bridgeton Patrolman Anderson Garron was suspended indefinitely after he was indicted in the shooting death of a suspect.

The victim, John Phillips, 36, was shot in the face when cops were summoned to settle a domestic dispute. He died a month later from this injuries.

Bridgeton Chief of Police, John Bondi finally decided to take this action (indefinite suspension) after a state grand jury in Trenton indicted him on manslaughter charges... for a second time.

Apparently Garron, a seven year veteran, was indicted earlier on manslaughter charges, but was granted a 'second chance.' Now after the second indictment he was 'penalized.'

Watch Out For Kelly

Facts on this story are sketchy, but what little we know needs to be reported.

Revolutionary informants have reported a man who is attempting to become a Paterson Police officer. His first name is Kelly (possibly spelled different), and is currently a special officer (rent-a-cop) in Haledon. He often provides as a security guard at Haledon Foodtown.

This man is unstable, and potentially a threat to all he confronts. This threat drastically increases if you are a "nigger or spic" as he refers to Afrikans and Latino's.

He is said to want the job as a Paterson pig because he feels he can "straighten shit out!"

We urge all Paterson and Haledon residents to watch out for him as we will be.

Man maced and beaten

Paterson police officers Kevin Kaufman and Paul Savastano handcuffed, beat, and maced Daniel Harris on the evening of January 22nd. The Bloomfield man was attacked in front of the E&J Lounge nightclub on 12th Ave. in Paterson.

Police were initially called by Ambulance drivers who were on the scene to treat Harris' brother for pneumonia. Harris insisted on being in the back of the ambulance with his 21 year old brother. This is not unusual.

At some point, police sprayed Harris with mace. Harris, unaware who sprayed him began swinging his hands in the air. At this time he was arrested and beaten further by the cops.

After the cops beat and maced him, he was charged with resisting arrest, assault, and obstruction of justice. (some of the most common charges levied on victims of police terror.)

Chief Munsey says his officers are justified and Harris must have deserved it because police officers do not go to ambulance calls. Every one knows police cars are seen with ambulances!

Harris said he plans to file assault charges against the officers involved at the advice of his attorney.

Clifton Police Beat & Shoot Man

By Mathias Degan

Clifton police shot and beat a man who authorities allege led them on a wild car chase.

The following is a synopsis of the incident:

Richard Funcasta, 29, of Clifton, was driving through his neighborhood when police decided to pull him over for driving to slow. As Funcasta began to drive around the block to his house 2 police cars rammed his car. Instead of pulling over, the Clifton man panicked and sped away. The chase ended in downtown Paterson.

His attorney then states Funcasta put his hands up but was still shot twice. According to Gallucio, Funcasta was worked over at the scene and at police headquarters where he was beaten on the face, arms, and chest.

Funcasta's lawyer admits he should have never led the police on a chase, but he did not deserve to be shot and beaten.

The case has not yet gone to trial.

West Caldwell Police Shoot Haitian Immigrant

By Mathias Degan

West Caldwell police responding to a report of a street fight shot a Haitian immigrant in the chest.

Rene Meisdor, 21 of Newark, was shot by Sgt. Joseph Theobold. Theobold claimed Meisdor had a can of spray paint in his hand and made a menacing gesture towards him. The police shot the man mistaking the can of spray paint for a gun.

The police version of the story is hard to swallow considering the incident happened during daylight. A police veteran should be able to tell the difference between a can of spray paint and a gun.

Even though Meisdor was shot he is still being charged with aggravated assault on a police officer.

The case has not gone to court yet.

Paterson Cops Are Mad

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brings us together. Because that could be any one of us at any time, accused falsely of any type of brutality or corruption."

Yes, I'd say that was a warning. One we should all heed. The pigs are getting pissed, and no matter what the case, this pig just assured us that the brotherhood of blue is truly a brotherhood.

The old street rules of not ratting your friend, and brotherhood that used to give us some type of protection from cops are now being used by the enemy. We had better learn these values once again and use them wisely.

And while Pascrell, Munsey and Smith spit in the faces of Paterson citizens by showing compassion only towards the feelings of the police, and ignoring the age old cries of the people, the beat will go on.

After Internal Affairs investigations, Justice Department investigations, Police being found not guilty as well as guilty, the beat goes on. Whether Pascrell backs or condones a Citizens Review Board, and whether Paterson will have one or not, the beat will go on. Cops will continue the beat. They will continue to beat us, and we all had better continue the struggle.

Hommie, leave them kids alone!

By Neil DiGiovanni

Haledon officer Mohammed Abaza either must love seeing his name in print, or is simply a barbaric moron with an amazingly large power trip. The latter the more likely of the two.

It has been reported to Plain Words Staff members that Abaza abuses his already unwarranted authority over kids he feels don't belong in Haledon, harassing them to no end.

On numerous occasions, he has taken individual kids or small groups of friends to the Haledon police station and taunted them. Slapping kids on the side of the head is common. Taking their bikes when under age kids are not wearing helmets. In one incident, the kid wasn't even riding the bike, he was simply sitting on it. He'll follow kids around, accompanying them home, using obscene and vulgar language when referring to them. Threatening them not to come to Haledon is always the result, and often the kids live in Haledon.

It appears 'Hommie' (as female High School students know him), singles out the poorest non-white Hip-Hop culture young males who walk the streets of Haledon.

In the year and a half of COPWATCH's existence, 'Hommie' has appeared each time, taking full advantage of his current reign of terror.

Paterson cops arrest woman for breaking up with fellow officer

Four Paterson cops are currently involved in a federal lawsuit filed by Anaida Reyes.

Officers Kenneth Bulwin and Jose Fermin, along with two other Paterson officers arrested Reyes while eating dinner with her parents on Oct. 21, '91.

Fermin and the other unnamed officers entered the house and demanded identification. They then handcuffed her and brought her to a waiting police car.

The pig inside the car was Bulwin. Reyes had recently ended a year long violent and "turbulent romantic relationship" with Bulwin. She had previously filed assault and battery charges against Bulwin, but later withdrew them.

This time in her attempt to cleanly break the relationship, she found herself arrested, and cuffed sitting in the back of her ex boyfriends police car. Sick pig Bulwin drove her to the Public Humiliation (Safety) Complex where she was illegally held in a cell for more than four hours, only to later be released. This would lead one to believe more than just the four officers were involved in the plot. When detained in a cell, you deal with at least one other officer. (often more than one)

Top cop (Chief) Munsey said he was unaware of the suit when contacted, and refused to comment on the officers.

The 10 count federal lawsuit charges the four with illegal arrest, excessive force, and malicious prosecution.

Sheriff's officers try to throw man out 11th story window

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because verbal complaints Barbee made were not noted, and they were overlooked in a line-up. The Sheriffs Department told him he was unable to press charges.

The assault occurred when six sheriffs officers entered a hallway of CCP and approached Mr. Barbee and three of his friends. Officers claim they broke up a fight between the four friends, but witnesses testify that these pigs assaulted Barbee after they accused him of throwing a bottle at them from the 11th floor.

> **"they were probably going to kill me."**
> Anthony Barbee

It seems that things climaxed after one of the friends mentioned they were related to Paterson Police Detective Steven Barbee.

"I was threatened for my life," Barbee said, "I was scared. When they tried to throw me out the window, I thought they were probably going to kill me."

As we say concerning all court cases against the system, we are hoping for the best, but expect the worst. Good luck.

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Paterson Pig of the year; Joe White

By Neil DiGiovanni

Joseph White, who is infamous to many Patersonians, has made himself the center of attention concerning a recent police Brutality incident.

We have received many complaints of Joe Whites harassment of people. White is more or less a foot cop who patrols the downtown area of Paterson ruthlessly.

In one particular event, Pig White was towing away an illegally parked car, even though the driver offered to move the vehicle. What makes this incident truly stand out is, White would not allow the man into his car so he could remove Christmas presents he had just purchased.

If what goes around comes around, Joe White did get some people's justice at least once. It was reported that a shoplifter was running from store owners, turned the corner and ran right into White. At this point, White was punched in the face and knocked to the ground.

White has harassed Plain Words distributors while handing out the paper downtown, threatening arrest. However we are not the only people he hounds. Pig White is known not to tolerate any kind of street peddlers, or those passing out information. Both of which there are many in the downtown area.

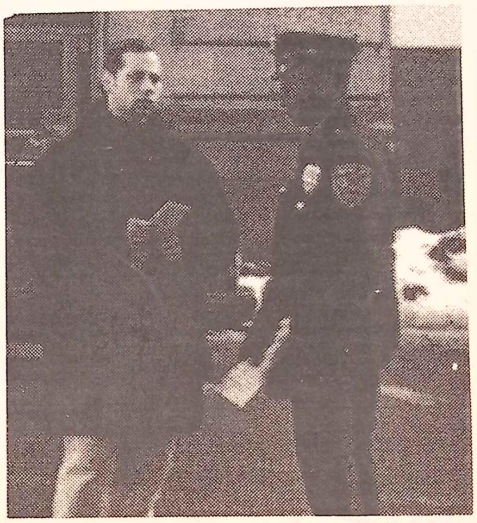
He stops kids ridding on the sidewalk and threatens to confiscate their bikes.

Patersonians make jokes about the amount of money White makes the city of Paterson in all kinds of tickets.

However, the biggest, most publicized event is hardly a joke. On Dec. 17th, White approached a man inside the city courthouse and demanded he turn his walkman down. White claimed he was disturbing others. When the man asked if he was disturbing anyone, and all replied no. White not only became embarrassed, but enraged. He demanded to see identification. Why?!

It has been reported that the man began to walk away. At this point Joe White began to shove the man, and called for six other officers to assist him.

Court Clerk receptionist Jackie Diaz said "The man was just standing there and White said that he was disturbing people, when the other officers arrived they dragged him to the stairs and threw him down them. From what I saw he wasn't causing any trouble."



Paterson Policeman; Joe White

Another woman who works in Paterson traffic division said "He never started with White... I didn't see anything to make him call for six other officers."

After the incident other witnesses heard White saying "He had a nasty mouth."

No one claimed that the man didn't swear, and who could blame him for using profanity in such a profane incident.

The incident has brought new calls for a Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). The Paterson chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is leading this call.

"It's evident that the superior officers are not aware of the community needs in terms of the police and their accountability." says Don Curtis, vice president of Paterson's NAACP.

Michael Hawkins, president of local NAACP and the victims lawyer added "We definitely need that (CCRB)" saying "Police will always oppose it, right now they police themselves."

The 2 (of 6?) officers who have come under aggravated assault charges are Joseph White (of course) and William Del Valle. As usual, city officials are defending the officers.

When mayor William Pascrell was asked to comment to pro-government media, he responded, "We're not going to try police officers in the newspapers, we never have." On another occasion he adds "We're not going to hang people with out a review, we don't do it to criminals, and we don't do it to officers." (Back in March '93 Pascrell said to pro-government media about purse snatching suspects, "I'm not going to be satisfied until every one of those bums are given a trial and sent to jail." he hung and tried them.) He continued to say of Patersons IA Unit "If I didn't have faith in internal affairs, I would look at a 3rd party."

Public Safety Director William Dolan refused to give information to the press, even 2 days after the incident and said he supported an order to do so. Seems like the word from above was keep quiet till we get a good cover-up story. Don't want to lose 'ol Joe, he's a goldmine. (referring to the money he makes the city in tickets.)

TERROR AT C.C.P.

Sheriffs officers tried to throw man out 11th story window

By Neil DiGiovanni

Sheriffs officers tried to throw a man out of the 11th story of one of these Christopher Columbus Project buildings back in '89

The trial of the Nov. 21 1989 incident, where Passaic County Sheriffs Officers attempted to throw a Paterson man outside of a 11th story window has begun.

Anthony Barbee, the victim of police terror, testified that he was punched at least sixteen times, kicked at least five times and spit on about three times, all while being verbally abused. Barbee suffered a broken nose, bruised face, side and groin from the attack.

Sheriffs officers Leonard Arcieri and Steven Kearney have been charged with a mere simple assault which took place in the Christopher Columbus housing projects (CCP) over four years ago. Officers Scott DeGraw and former officer Nicholas Hoffener have escaped charges apparently

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Paterson cops hurt & mad

Charges of brutality lowers morale and anger Paterson Police

Recent incidents of police brutality prompted Councilwoman Vera Ames to call the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the many incidents of police violence that have occurred as of late.

Mayor William Pascrell Jr. finally collapsed and said there will have to be an investigation. For more than two years he, and other city officials have resisted any kind of investigation.

But even now, Pascrell admits the reason he now backs an investigation is to raise police morale. He claims that "They (allegations) are a drain to police morale and the citizenry."

Apparently, an investigation, that will in his opinion, show no wrong doing on the part of the pigs (which is not likely), will ensure officers they can continue to beat the masses to the ground.

Pascrell continues to show is blind and unwarranted faith in his vicious police force. He praised Passaic County prosecutor Ronald Fava saying he "has been exemplary in terms of dealing with these kinds of cases."

Beverly Ames, Councilwoman Vera Ames daughter, disagrees. She was a witness to a Jan. 22 incident where two cops beat a man on 12th Ave. (See COPWATCH story 'Man maced and beaten') "Evidently it's not enough. It hasn't deterred anyone from doing something wrong. Otherwise these situations would not be coming about." she said.

Fava said that this statement was too "general". I'm sure he thinks so, ask Paterson resident's their opinion and you'll get an answer more like Ames'.

Patrolman's Benevolent Association president, Robert Smith as well as big pig (Chief) Richard Munsey echoes Pascrell's complaints. Smith says "You can't even make an arrest with out some one screaming brutality!" Munsey, as usual backed the 2 officers (overseer?) in the latest recorded brutality incident.

An officer who would not name himself to a pro-government newspaper gave what seems more like a warning than a statement: "When what we believe are false accusations, that doesn't hurt morale... it

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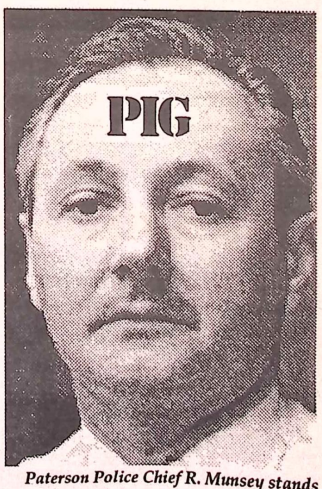

Paterson Police Chief R. Mumsey stands behind his brutal police force